OFFICIAL TOWN POLICY AND APPLICATION FORM FOR MONUMENTS LOCATED ON TOWN PROPERTY

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1. Definitions.

For purposes of this policy, the term "monument" shall mean any plaque, statue, structure, tree, shrub, landscaping, or other object or thing constructed, erected, planted, or otherwise located on town-owned or leased property (and intended to remain on such property on a long-term basis) to commemorate or memorialize any person, place, or event. Historical markers erected by or with the authorization of the N.C. Department of Transportation within State maintained rights-of-way are exempted from this policy.

2. Origination of Proposals for Monuments

Proposals for the erection of a monument may come to the Board of Aldermen in any of the following ways:

(a) A member of the Board of Aldermen may suggest the monument.

(b) An advisory board may make such a recommendation.

(c) Any Carrboro citizen or group of citizens may request that a monument be erected. Such requests shall be submitted in writing and shall describe the type of monument requested, the proposed location, and the justification for the monument. The town may establish an application form that must be completed.

3. Staff Review of Proposals for Monuments

The Board may refer any request for the erection of a monument to the staff for an analysis of the extent to which the proposed monument is consistent with the guidelines established in Section 4 of this policy.

4. Guidelines for Review of Proposals for Monuments

In deciding whether to approve a proposed monument, the Board shall consider the following, in addition to any other matters that the Board deems relevant:

(a) The general or local significance or prominence of the person, place, or event commemorated or memorialized.

(b) Whether the person, place, or event commemorated or memorialized is significant, important, or relevant to the public generally, as opposed to a small group of persons.

(c) Whether the monument's proposed location will be compatible with its surroundings.

(d) The enduring quality and character of the materials used to create the monument.

(e) The cost to the town of constructing, erecting, locating, and maintaining the monument.