

CHAPTER 18

HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

18-1-1 **LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**

(A) Community Unit District #7, is the current owner of the structure known as, and hereinafter referred to as, the Hamel School Log Cabin.

(B) The cabin is basic pioneer structure consisting of a one room ground floor and a loft area and was built by the Bouse family in what was then rural Madison County sometime between 1820 and 1852. The pioneer builders used native white oak logs and other materials all of which date back to this time period.

(C) The cabin was donated to the School District by the Bouse family in 1979 and the structure was moved to its current location to enhance the Hamel nature area already begun by the school on the grounds of the Hamel Elementary School, within the Village limits.

(D) The intended use of the cabin is to provide students of the district and the general public with an authentic example of an historic pioneer setting.

(E) The age, historical architecture, the condition of the building, and the community effort made in 1979 to bring this cabin to its current location bestow upon the structure a special historic, community and aesthetic value to the Village, the preservation and continued utilization of which is desirable for the welfare of the Village and surrounding community.

(Ord. No. 95-004)

18-1-2 **DESIGNATION HISTORICAL LANDMARK.**

(A) Pursuant to Section 11-48.2-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code the Village Board designated the Hamel School Log Cabin as an official historical landmark.

(B) The powers delineated in Section 11-48.2-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code as they affect this particular structure will be administered by the Village Board of Trustees.

(C) Any action placing restrictions on the use of the structure or directing the current owner to do any particular thing with the structure shall not be taken without first providing notice to the owner and an opportunity to be heard as required by Section 11-48.2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

(D) While not limiting its power to do so, nothing herein shall be construed to impose any obligation or requirement upon the Village of finance or levy any tax for the preservation of the structure.

(Ord. No. 95-004)

18-1-3 **RESTRICTIONS ON DESIGNATED HISTORICAL LANDMARK.**

(A) Pursuant to Section 11-48.2-2 and in accordance with Section 11-48.2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the Village Board places the following restrictions upon the use and enjoyment of the Hamel School Log Cabin, as official historical landmark:

(1) The owner may not remove the cabin from within the Village limits without the prior consent of the Village Board;

(2) The owner may conduct any and all repairs or remodeling it desires without the prior consent of the Village Board, except that any alteration that would substantially effect the historic and aesthetic value of the cabin must require consent of the Village Board.

(B) While not limiting its power to do so, nothing herein shall be construed to impose any obligation or requirement upon the Village to finance or levy any tax for the preservation of the structure.

(Ord. No. 95-005)