AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES O-06-139 OLD CONWAY DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT AND O-10-12 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION STANDARDS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, the Old Conway Design Review Board and the Conway Historic District Commission serve similar functions, the City of Conway wishes to combine these boards; and

WHEREAS, the Old Conway Design Overlay District and the Conway Historic District regulations are similar in many aspects, the City of Conway wishes to maintain these regulations as separate documents, but synchronize the regulations where possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1. Ordinance O-10-12, 2010 Historic District Commission Standards, Section 1, Creation and Members, B., shall be amended by replacing all text within this section with the following text:

B. The Historic District Commission shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. Members shall be residents of Conway and demonstrate a positive interest in historic preservation, possessing interest, expertise, experience, or education in architecture, history, urban planning, building rehabilitation, real estate, archaeology, conservation, preservation, or related fields. Members may not be salaried city employees or hold an elective municipal office. Commission membership shall include:

One (1) representative of the Pine Street Community Development Corporation
One (1) representative of the Conway Downtown Partnership
Two (2) residents and/or property owners in a locally designated or national registered historic district or the Old Conway Design Overlay District.
Four (4) citizen’s of Conway
One (1) architect or other appropriate design professional who may serve any number of terms.

For the year 2011, two (2) additional members will serve as ex officio members only voting on Old Conway Design Overlay District matters. In 2012, two member’s terms will expire and the HDC will then have 9 members total with no ex officio members.

SECTION 2. All references to the “Old Conway Design Review Board” within Ordinance O-06-139, Old Conway Design Overlay District, shall be replaced with the “Conway Historic District Commission” unless otherwise stated in this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Ordinance O-06-139, Old Conway Design Overlay District, Section 2: Establishment of Old Conway Design Review Board shall be amended by replacing all text within this section with the following text:

The Conway Historic District Commission shall serve as the reviewing body of the Old Conway Design Overlay District.
SECTION 4. Ordinance O-06-139, Old Conway Design Overlay District, Section 4, Meetings of the Commission, C. Hearing an Application, 3. and 4., shall be amended by replacing all text within these sections with the following text:

3. The HDC shall post a public notice on the Old Conway Design Overlay and/or HDC website(s) announcing the public hearing no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Historic District Commission meeting.

4. The applicant will be required to notify, by prepaid first class mail and/or petition, all property owners within two hundred (200) feet as listed on the most recent real estate tax list of the Faulkner County Assessor’s Office. The applicant shall mail said letter and/or gather signatures no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Historic District Commission meeting. In this letter and/or petition, the applicant shall state the date and time of the meeting. A copy of the first class letter and/or petitions shall be submitted to the Planning Department staff not less than ten (10) days prior to the Historic District Commission meeting along with a simple map showing the location of the property in question and the owners within 200 feet of the property.

SECTION 5. The map referenced as Exhibit A in Ordinance O-06-139, Old Conway Design Overlay District, showing Urban, Transition, and Suburban Zones, shall be amended as follows:

The area bounded by College Avenue on the north, Conway Boulevard on the east, Robins Street on the south, and Center Street on the west, shall be designated as a Transition Zone.

SECTION 6. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 7. This ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of Conway and, therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 22nd day of March, 2011.

Approved:

[Signature]
Mayor Tab Townsell

Attest:

[Signature]
Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer