

## Memorandum concerning the St. Maarten Monuments Ordinance

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As per Article 7 of the St. Maarten Monuments Ordinance (AB 2000, 1), the Executive Committee maintains a public register of the protected monuments. In accordance with Article 14 of the Ordinance, a public register is also maintained concerning protected cityscapes and townscapes. In these registers, the Executive Committee notes the monuments and cityscapes and townscapes that have been assigned the status of protected monument, respectively cityscape or townscape, including noting the monumental value and the general interest or interests that justify the assignment. As far as the protected monuments are concerned, it is noted whether they are moveable or immovable. Both public registers will be managed together and will be maintained as a single register, named the Monuments Registry. The head of the Department of General Affairs is appointed as the manager of the Monuments Registry and in that capacity on behalf of the Executive Committee maintains it.

The registration of protected monuments is done by the manager of the Monuments Registry, after the period for public viewing of the decision to assign the status of protected monument has expired. If a timely appeal has been lodged against the assignment decision, the registration does not take place until after the appeal has been declared to be unfounded.

The Department of Public Housing, Development Planning and Environment (VROM) acts as coordinator of the monuments policy. In that capacity it is responsible for offering proposals to the Executive Committee for decision-making. The manager of the Monuments Registry, on behalf of the Executive Committee, does what is necessary with regards to the Registry as a consequence of the decisions made by or on behalf of the Executive Committee. Likewise, the manager – on behalf of the Executive Committee – does what is necessary as a result of an assignment as protected cityscape or townscape when zoning regulations are established for a development plan or as a result of changes to such regulations. Also, the manager of the Registry notes the changes to a protected monument in the Registry with regards to the Land Registry's naming or indication as reported by the Land Registrar to the Executive Committee.

The Monuments Registry can be consulted by anyone free of charge during office hours in an area designated for this purpose by the manager. It is possible to get a certified copy there of a page from the Registry. There are costs involved in providing copies. The Resolution Public Nature of Administration St. Maarten (AB 1996,30) applies to such costs.

A shadow register of all the documents in the Monuments Registry is maintained by VROM.