

Commission Responsible for Protecting Moscow's Historic Appearance Closed

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The commission that outlines rules for construction in Moscow's historical zones has been forced to cease activity by the city's prosecutor's office, the RIA Novosti news agency reported Wednesday.

The commission responsible for the cultural preservation of Moscow, popularly known as the 'demolition commission' due to its authority on building demolition, was officially closed at the request of the prosecutor's office, Deputy Mayor Marat Khusnullin said Wednesday.

Although the commission has now been dissolved, it had not officially functioned for a year.

The commission responsible for the cultural preservation of Moscow was tasked with the preservation of the city's historic structures, though it was criticized by activist groups for failing to protect buildings of cultural importance throughout its tenure.

"We are now working within the framework of the Town Planning Code," Khusnullin said, recalling that the commission's purpose was protecting Moscow's historic appearance.

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