

SEC. 12-1607. - DESIGNATION CRITERIA.

- (a) HISTORIC RESOURCES: Any building, structure, object or site may be designated as an Historic Resource if it is found by the Commission and Council to meet the following criteria:
- (1) It has been in existence more than fifty years and it possesses aspects of integrity to convey its significance based upon location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association, and:
 - (i) It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
 - (ii) It is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
 - (iii) It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values; or
 - (iv) It has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
 - (2) It has been in existence less than fifty years, it meets the criteria of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section and is of exceptional importance within the appropriate historical context, local, state or national.
- (b) LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS: Any finite group of resources (buildings, structures, objects or sites) may be designated as a Local Historic District if it meets the definition set forth in Section 12-1602(s) of this article, its designation is consented to by the majority of the property owners within the Local Historic District, at least fifty percent of the resources within the proposed Local Historic District are fifty years of age or older, and it is found by the Commission and Council to meet one or more of the following criteria:
- (1) It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the city's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, or architectural heritage, or
 - (2) It is identified with a person or group that contributed significantly to the culture and development of the city, or
 - (3) It embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship, or
 - (4) Structures within the area exemplify a particular architectural style or way of life important to the city, or
 - (5) The area is related to a designated historic resource or district in such a way that its preservation is essential to the integrity of the designated resource or Local Historic District, or
 - (6) The area has potential for yielding information of archaeological interest.
- (c)

NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS: The nomination of any finite group of resources (buildings, structures, objects or sites), including any Local Historic District, to the National Register of Historic Places as a National Register Historic District may be recommended under this article if it meets the definition set forth in Section 12-1602(u) of this article, meets the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section, and if the nomination is supported by more than fifty percent of the property owners within the proposed National Register Historic District.

- (d) HERITAGE PROPERTIES: Any building, structure, object or site may be designated as a Heritage Property if it is found by the Commission to be worthy of preservation because of its historical, architectural or aesthetic merit.
- (e) CONTRIBUTORS TO HISTORIC DISTRICTS: Any building, structure, object or site may be designated as Contributor to a Local Historic District or a proposed National Register Historic District if it contributes to the significance of the specific Historic District under the criteria set forth above in this section.

(Added Ord. 99-50, §§ 1, 2, 9-9-99; Am. Ord. 2021-044, § 3, eff. 11-22-21).