



What does it mean to be in the Downtown Historic District?

Historic Overlay District

Our Mission

The Historic Overlay District is an overlay district established to encourage the restoration, preservation, rehabilitation and conservation of neighborhoods, districts, buildings, sites and objects of historical and/or architectural significance and to prevent the decline, decay and/or demolition of such neighborhoods, districts, buildings, sites and objects.

In order to enhance the attractiveness and character of the Village for its residents and visitors and to support and enhance the Village's business, commerce, and industry, it is the intent of this district to create a process to review designs for buildings and property improvements in Village neighborhoods having landmarks or representing elements of the Village's economic, social, cultural, and political past.

Why do we need appearance reviews in the Historic District?

- To strengthen the local economy and property values
- To maintain the local "small town" atmosphere of residential and business areas
- To insure compatibility of new development with the existing characteristics
- To protect sensitive areas of transition from one land use to another
- To protect and enhance the Village's attractiveness to visitors and support local business
- To protect, enhance areas of special character, historic, or aesthetic interest



Appearance reviews do not have extra fees!

Only projects requiring a permit have fees- like signs, facade changes, misc construction.

Painting, changing windows, doors (that are the same size), etc, require a review, but no permit.

If you have questions about your project, please call, we are happy to help!

Contact us
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