

# What does it mean to have my property locally designated as a historic structure in the City of Ashland?

## Why do we have a Historic Preservation Ordinance?



1. Safeguard the City of Ashland's historic and cultural heritage,
2. Foster civic pride in the notable accomplishments of the past,
3. Stabilize and improve property values,
4. Protect and enhance the City of Ashland's attractions to residents, tourists and visitors, and serve as a support and stimulus to business and industry, and
5. Improve and enhance the visual and aesthetic character of Ashland.

## How would designating my structure impact future renovations projects?

*Minor Alterations:* No impact

### Examples:

Interior renovations  
Removal of exterior paint by non-destructive means  
Repair or replacement of existing features with like materials

*Larger Exterior Alterations:* Certificate of Appropriateness is required

### Examples:

Additions, including new decks  
Permanent removal of historic original materials  
New structures (i.e. accessory structures)

## What is a Certificate of Appropriateness, and how do I get one?

***Certificate of Appropriateness:*** This certificate is issued by the Historic Preservation Commission approving alteration, rehabilitation, construction, reconstruction or demolition of a historic structure, historic site or any improvement in a historic district.

*Would I need a Certificate of Appropriateness for all renovations to my property if locally designated as a historic structure?*

No. The Building Inspector or Designated Authorized Agent may issue the Historic Preservation Certificate of Appropriateness for certain projects which will have little effect on the appearance of the exterior of the structure. Check with the Building Inspector about your project to find out.

Have additional questions about locally designating your historic structure? Visit [www.coawi.org/historic-preservation/](http://www.coawi.org/historic-preservation/), send to [mmcbride@coawi.org](mailto:mmcbride@coawi.org) or call 715-682-7041.

## What criteria does a building with historic preservation have?

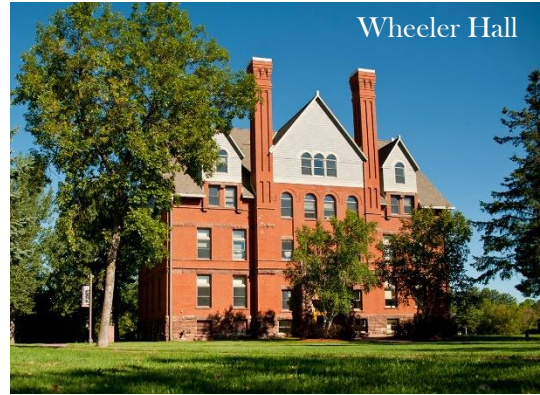
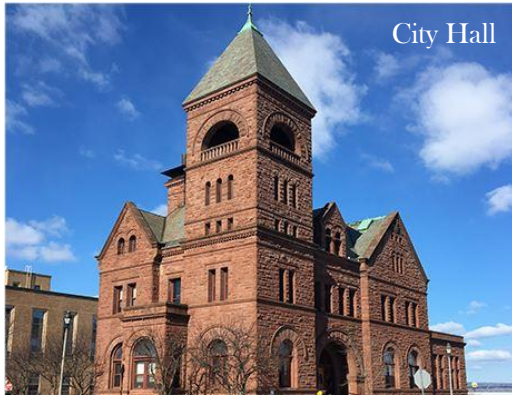
### *Buildings that obtain:*

1. Cultural, political, economic, or social significance to the community
2. Association to with important events or historic personages
3. Distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials or craftsmanship

## Examples of historical buildings in the City of Ashland:

City Hall  
Band Shell  
Soo Line Railroad Depot  
Ashland County Courthouse  
Wakefield Hall, Northland College  
Wheeler Hall, Northland College  
Many private homes  
West Second Street Historic District

Wilmarth Mansion and School  
Chapple-MacArthur Historic District  
Ashland County Courthouse  
Vaughn Public Library  
Ellis Fire Station  
Our Lady of the Lake Church  
Beaser Fire Station



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