

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.

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What criteria does a building with historic preservation have?

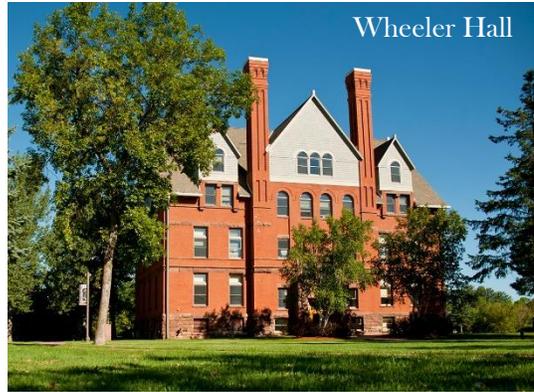
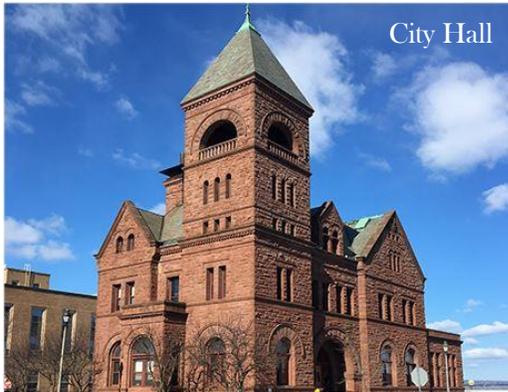
Buildings that obtain:

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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