

Designation Categories

Landmark

A structure having a high degree of historical, cultural and/or architectural significance.

Alterations to Landmarks are reviewed according to the ordinance's Standards for Review of Alterations. Landmarks may not be demolished without meeting an Economic Hardship test, as determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Contributing

A site, structure or object that contributes generally to the qualities that give the historic district its cultural, historic or architectural significance, but which does not qualify as an individual Landmark.

Review requirements are the same as for Landmarks.

Non-Contributing

A structure that 1) does not contribute to the qualities that give the historic district its architectural or historic significance; 2) was built within 50 years of the date of district designation; or 3) a historic structure that has been so fundamentally altered or degraded that its integrity has been irretrievably lost.

Alterations to Non-Contributing structures are reviewed according to a less rigorous standard, the intent of which is to ensure no further erosion of the character of the building. Where an applicant is proposing a comprehensive redesign of the structure, the ordinance's New Construction Standards would apply. Non-Contributing Buildings may be demolished without meeting the economic hardship test.

Note: See historic preservation ordinance text for full definition of each designation category.