

HISTORIC GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

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Code of County Regulations Title 2 – Office of Planning Chapter 1 – Landmarks Preservation Commission Part 1 - Guidelines and Regulations

- I. Definitions: In these guidelines and regulations, the following terms have the meanings indicated:
 - A. "Commission" means the Landmarks Preservation Commission established pursuant to the County Code.
 - B. "County Code" means the *Baltimore County Code*, as amended.
 - C. "Historic property" means a structure placed, or scheduled for hearing to be placed, on the Preliminary or the Final Landmarks List pursuant to County Code, or a property within the boundaries of a district enacted, or proposed to be enacted, pursuant to the County Code.

- II. *Reserved.*

- III. Evaluation of the eligibility of structures for inclusion on the Landmarks List.
 - A. Pursuant to the County Code, a structure may be placed on the Preliminary Landmarks List if the Commission specifically finds that the structure contributes substantially to the architectural and/or historical heritage of the county, state, or nation because of any one or more of the following:
 - (1) It is associated with a personality, group, event, or series of events of historical importance;
 - (2) It is a distinctive example of a particular architectural style or period;
 - (3) It is a good example of the work of a noted architect or master builder;
 - (4) It is a work of notable artistic merit or an object of singular natural beauty; or

- (5) It has yielded or may be likely to yield information or materials important in pre-history or history.
 - B. For guidance on interpreting and applying the standards specified in paragraph A., the Commission may consult and use the publication issued by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior entitled *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*, which is available for reference at the Baltimore County Office of Planning and is available on-line at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb/15/>.
 - C. In applying the standards specified in paragraph A., the Commission may specifically find that a structure which is important to the particular neighborhood, community, locality, or functional theme or context is thereby important to the architectural and/or historical heritage of the county.
 - D. Subject to the requirement in paragraph A. for a specific finding, the following classes of structures are presumed to be eligible for the Landmarks List:
 - (1) Structures listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places;
 - (2) Structures identified as contributing resources within National Register Historic Districts; and
 - (3) Structures identified by the State Historic Preservation Officer as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- IV. Evaluating proposals for changes to historic properties.
- A. This Section IV applies to actions by the Commission for implementing the authority and responsibilities conferred on the Commission by the County Code.
 - B. Detailed guidance for use by applicants and the Commission, within the scope of the Commission's authority (which does not include the interior of any building or structure), for evaluating the appropriateness of changes proposed to Landmark structures or changes within county-enacted historic districts, is provided in:
 - (1) The publication issued by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior entitled *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, which is available for reference at the Baltimore County Office of Planning and is available on-line at <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/secstan1.htm>. Proposals submitted for action by the Commission typically fall within the scope of the "Standards for Rehabilitation."
 - (2) Pages 22 through 42 inclusive and Appendix A in the report entitled *Historic Design Guidelines, Basic Principles of Historic Preservation*, published in March 1991 by the Landmarks Preservation Commission and available for reference and purchase at the Baltimore County Office of Planning.

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