



ABERDEEN HISTORIC REGISTER INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS THE ABERDEEN HISTORIC REGISTER?

The Register is an official list of places important to the history of Aberdeen and worthy of recognition and preservation.

WHAT QUALIFIES A PROPERTY FOR THE HISTORIC REGISTER?

The Aberdeen Historic Register recognizes any building, structure, site, object or district that is significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or cultural heritage for the community; if it has integrity; is at least 50 years old, or is of lesser age and has exceptional importance; and if it falls in at least two (2) of the following categories:

1. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history.
2. Embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style, or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
3. An outstanding work of a designer, builder, or architect who has made a substantial contribution to the art.
4. Exemplifies or reflects special elements of the city's cultural, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history.
5. Associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state or local history.
6. Has yielded or may be likely to yield important archaeological information related to history or prehistory.
7. A building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the only surviving structure significantly associated with an historic person or event.
8. Is a birthplace or grave of an historical figure of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person.
9. A cemetery, which derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events, or cultural patterns.
10. A reconstructed building that has been executed in a historically accurate manner on the original site.
11. A creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR DESIGNATION?

In order for a property to be placed on the Register, the following steps are taken:

1. Any person, with the owners consent, may nominate a building, structure, site, object or district for inclusion in the Register of Historic Places. The Commission, and any member of the Commission, may solicit nominations. In its designation decision, the Commission shall consider the Aberdeen Historic Register and the city's Comprehensive Plan.
2. In the case of individual properties, the designation shall include the UTM reference and all features-interior and exterior-and outbuildings that contribute to its designation.
3. In the case of districts, the designation shall include description of the boundaries of the district; the characteristics of the district, which justifies its designation; and a list of all properties including features, structures, sites and objects, which contribute to the designation of the district.
4. The Historic Preservation Commission shall consider the merits of the nomination according to the criteria in AMC 17.50.040(A) (refer to page 1 numbers 1-11) and the nomination review standards established in the Commission's rules.
5. The Commission shall provide notice to the public, the owner(s) and the authors of the nomination, if different, and lessees, if any, of the subject property prior to the meeting at which the nomination will be considered. The notice shall include publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Aberdeen area, posting of the property and written notification as required by the Open Public Meetings Act (Chpt. 42.30 RCW).
6. If the Commission finds that the nominated property is eligible for the city's Historic Register, the Commission shall, with the owner's consent, make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council that the property be listed in the Historic Register. In the case of historic districts, the consent of the owners of 60% of the property, be assessed valuation, within the proposed district boundary shall be required.
7. The public, property owner(s) and the authors of the nomination, if different, and lessees, if any, shall be notified of the listing.
8. Properties listed in the city's Historic Register shall be recorded on official zoning records with an "HR" (for Historic Register) designation. This designation shall not change or modify the underlying zone classification.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE HISTORIC REGISTER PLACEMENT?

Free Advice – Preservation is encouraged by providing a process for the Preservation Commission to review any proposed exterior changes to the register properties, as well as relocation or demolition.

Markers – Markers are provided and installed by the City for all properties on the register.

Educational Program – From time to time, the City will prepare public information programs on historic properties.

Building Code Relaxation – Some relaxation of strict building code requirements is available to properties on the Aberdeen Historic Register in the interest of preserving historic character while

still meeting safety requirements. This is discussed on a case-by-case basis with the Aberdeen Building Official, Bob Waite, Phone (360) 537-3214.

Special Property Tax Valuation for Qualified Renovations – A state law enacted in 1985 provides a 10-year special property tax valuation for approved renovations to historic properties on the local register. Such renovations must cost at least 25% of the building's value. Additional information is available from the City of Aberdeen's Community Development Department.

WHAT IS NOT AFFECTED BY PLACEMENT & WHAT IS NOT REVIEWED?

Placement on the register does not affect the use of the structure, nor does it require repairs or restoration.

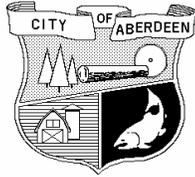
Listing on the city's Historic Register is an honorary designation denoting significant association with the historic, archaeological, engineering or cultural heritage of the community. Properties are listed individually or as contributing properties to an historic district.

Prior to the commencement of any work on a Historic Register property, excluding ordinary repair and maintenance and emergency measures that are defined in AMC 17.50.050, the owner must request and receive a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Commission for the proposed work. Violation of this rule shall be grounds for the Commission to review the property for removal from the register.

Prior to whole or partial demolition of a register property, the owner must request and receive a waiver of a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Commission.

WHERE ARE APPLICATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE?

Contact: City of Aberdeen, Community Development Department
Attn: Lisa Scott, Director
200 East Market Street
Aberdeen, WA 98520
(360) 537-3238
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ABERDEEN HISTORIC REGISTER APPLICATION

Date Submitted: _____

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

Property Name: _____

Address: _____

Parcel Number: _____

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION (for proposed historic districts)

Boundary Justification (if applicable): _____

Legal Description: _____

PROPERTY OWNER(S), ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

CATEGORY OF PROPERTY (Choose One)

- Building District Object (statue, grave marker, vessel, etc.)
- Archaeological Site Cemetery/Burial Site Structure (bridge, etc.)
- Historic Site (site of an important event)
- Traditional cultural landscape (habitation, agricultural, industrial, recreational, etc.)

DOCUMENTATION

Please provide, as an attachment to this application, a property description which should include the style of architecture, remodeling work, restoration work, details about what is original to the house and so forth. Exterior and interior photographs of the historic property, site plans and legible drawings depicting the structure, if available, are required.



WHAT QUALIFIES A PROPERTY FOR THE ABERDEEN HISTORIC REGISTER?

Any building, structure, site, object or district may be designated for inclusion in the Historic Register if it is significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or cultural heritage for the community; if it has integrity; is at least 50 years old, or is of lesser age and has exceptional importance for two or more of the following reasons: (Check as many as apply.)

- Historical Importance.** The property is: the site of an historic event with an effect upon society; identified with a person or group who had some influence on society; or exemplifies the cultural, social, religious, economic, political, aesthetic or engineering history of the city.
- Architectural Importance.** The property is: (1) an individual building that embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, period, style or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; (2) is the work of an architect, designer or builder who has made a substantial contribution to the art; (3) a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the only surviving structure significantly associated with an historic person or event; (4) a reconstructed building that has been executed in a historically accurate manner on the original site; and (5) a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.
- Archaeological Importance.** The property has yielded, or may be likely to yield archaeological information important in pre-history or history.
- Birthplaces, Graves, Cemeteries.** The property is: (1) a birthplace or grave of an historical figure of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person; or (2) a cemetery, which derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events, or cultural patterns.

Historic properties must also have “integrity,” that is, they have not undergone changes which substantially affect their historic appearance.

CERTIFICATION

- I/We, as owner(s) of the below-named property do agree to place the property on the Aberdeen Historic Register.
- I/We understand that the property will be subject to an advisory review process by the Historic Preservation Commission on any proposed changes to exterior architectural features, to any identified interior historic features, or to new construction on the property or demolition.
- I/We further understand that compliance with the Historic Commission’s advice is voluntary except when mandated by the building official.
- I/We also understand that the property will be publicized by the City, its location shown on maps of historic resources and background information published on its historic significance.
- I/We understand that a listing on the Aberdeen Historic Register will be recorded in the chain of title for the property.
- I/We also understand that the registration will be recorded with the Grays Harbor County Auditor’s Office.
- I/We understand that changes which require a building permit other than normal maintenance and repair [as defined by AMC 17.50.020(Q)] and emergency measures [as defined by AMC 17.50.020(K)] require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission before a building permit can be issued.

Historic Property Address: _____

Owner(s) Signature(s): _____
(all owners must sign)

Date: _____

Please note: Properties which have been altered substantially from their original exterior appearance may not be eligible for the Heritage Register.

SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS TO:

City of Aberdeen – Community Development Department
200 East Market Street
Aberdeen, WA 98520

Questions?

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