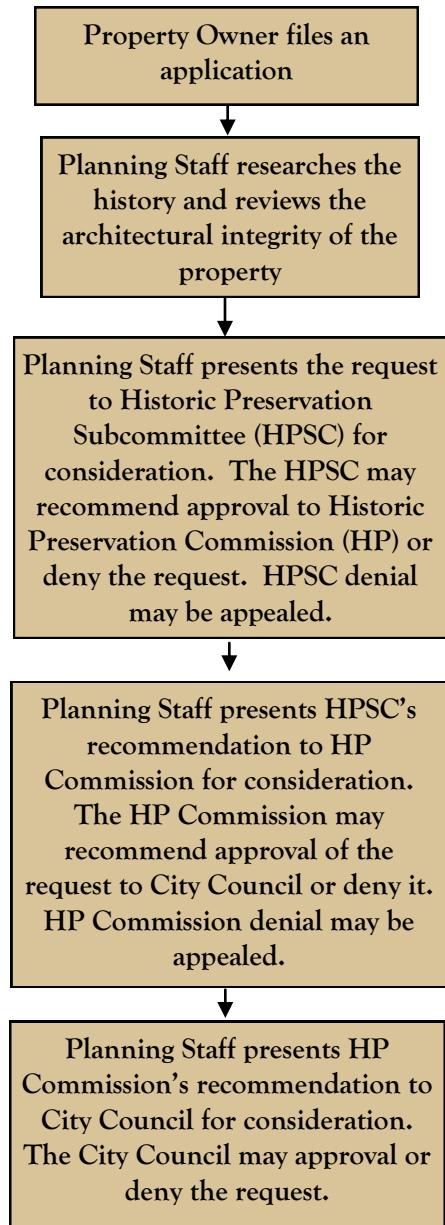


## Overview of Landmark Designation Process



## HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION



### Informational Resources:

#### City of Ontario

<http://www.ci.ontario.ca.us/>

#### National Park Service

Secretary of Interior Standards for  
the Treatment of Historic Properties  
[www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/index.htm)

#### Office of Historic Preservation

<http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/>

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# HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Historic Landmarks are structures, places, or objects which are significant to the City, State, or nation. Their significance may be architectural, historical, cultural, or any combination thereof. Individual Historic Landmarks must meet the criteria contained in Article 26 of the City's Development Code on its own merit. Contributors within an Historic District "contribute" to the overall historic value of the district. Each Contributor may or may not meet the criteria on its own, but collectively, they do.

The City has over 80 individual properties that are designated Local Historic Landmarks and a few are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over 300 properties are Contributors within a designated Local Historic District. Only those properties whose property owners wish their historic property to be designated or contributors are designated.

## What is the difference between a Landmark and a Contributor?

A historic property that is a landmark meets the designation criteria described to the right on its own. A Contributor is a historic property within a designated historic district that "contributes" to the historic significance of the district. A contributor within a district receives all the

benefits of a landmark.

## What properties can become landmarks?

Any historical resource may be designated a Historical Landmark by the City Council if:

1. It meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; or
2. It meets the criteria for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources; or
3. It meets one or more of the following criteria:
  - A. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's history;
  - B. It is identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history;
  - C. It is representative of the work of a notable builder, designer, architect, or artist;
  - D. It embodies distinguishing architectural characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction;
  - E. It is noteworthy example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship;
  - F. It embodies elements that represent a significant structural, engineering, or architectural achievement or innovation;
  - G. It has a unique location, a singular physical characteristic, or is an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community of the City; or
  - H. It is one of the few remaining examples in the City, region, state, or nation possessing distinguishing

characteristics of an architectural or historical type or specimen.

## What are the benefits to being designated?

There are several benefits to being designated at the local, State or National level, including:

1. The property qualifies to apply for a Mills Act Contract;
2. California Historical Building Code can be utilized;
3. A single family residence with a 1-car garage that contributes to the significance of the property may expand the residence without providing a 2-car garage; and
4. Certain setbacks may be reduced when the reduction will allow for the restoration of a character defining feature on the building.
5. The property qualifies for a historic plaque.

For more information on Historic Landmark Designations contact:

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