

PEORIA PARK DISTRICT HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

22.00 – Historic Preservation (Purpose and Intent)

- .01 The protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of cultural resources that are reminders of past eras, events, and persons important in local, state, or national history, or which provide significant examples of architectural styles of the past or are unique and irreplaceable assets of the Park District.
- .02 Foster civic pride in accomplishments of the past or natural features that are unique to the area.
- .03 Foster and encourage preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic structures and cultural resources.

DEFINITIONS

- A. “Alteration” means any act or process which changes one (1) or more of the exterior architectural features of any structure listed in the Park District Register. Further, “alteration” means any act or process which alters a scenic area of other type of cultural resource listed in the Park District Register.
- B. “Cultural Resource” means structures, sites, scenic areas, views and vistas, places, areas, landscapes, trees, or other objects of scientific, aesthetic, educational, cultural, architectural, environmental or historical significance to the citizens of the community designated and determined to be appropriate for historic preservation pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.
- C. “Demolition” means any act or process that destroys in part or in whole a landmark or other cultural resource.
- D. “Historic District” means any delineated geographic area having historical significance, special character or aesthetic value which serves as an established neighborhood, community center, or distinct section of the Park District, possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of site, structures or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development; and which has been designated an historic district pursuant to this ordinance or other listings.
- E. “Historic Resource” means any cultural resource, historic district, or landmark included in the Park District Register of Historic Resources.

- F. “Landmark” means any site, including significant trees or other significant permanent landscaping located on a site, place, structure, street improvements, sign, work of art, natural feature or other object representative of the historical, archaeological, cultural, architectural, community, aesthetic or artistic heritage of the Park District and which has been designated a landmark pursuant to this ordinance.
- G. “Landscape” means a natural feature or group of natural features including, but not limited to, forests, woods, hills, valleys and rivers.
- H. “Ordinary Maintenance” means repairing any deterioration, wear or damage to a structure, or any part thereof, in order to return the structure as nearly as practicable to its condition prior to the occurrence of such deterioration, wear or damage. Ordinary maintenance shall further include replacement of exterior elements or necessary hardware, including signs, using the same materials having the same appearance.
- I. “Preservation” means the act or process of applying measures necessary to sustain the existing form, integrity and materials of an historic property. Work, including preliminary measures to protect and stabilize the property, generally focus upon the ongoing maintenance and repair of historic materials and features rather than extensive replacement and new construction.
- J. “Qualified Historic Property” means a property listed on any official federal, state, city, county, or Park District register.
- K. “Park District Register of Historic Resources” means the compilation of Peoria Park District properties that have been officially designated by the Park Board of Trustees as cultural resources, historic districts, or landmarks.
- L. “Reconstruction” means the act or process of depicting, by means of new construction, the form, features and detailing of a non-surviving site, structure or object for the purpose of replicating its appearance at a specific period of time and in its historic location.
- M. “Rehabilitation” means the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations and additions, while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural or architectural values.
- N. “Restoration” means the act or process of accurately depicting the form, features, and character of a property as it appeared at a particular period of time by means of the removal of features from other periods in its history and reconstruction of missing features from the restoration period. The limited and sensitive upgrading of structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems and other code-required work to make properties functional and safe for public display or use is appropriate within a restoration project.

- O. “Scenic Area” means an area or site that, as a result of appearance or character, remains relatively unchanged from and embodies the essential appearance related to a culture from an earlier historic or prehistoric period, including but not limited to a unique location, appearance or familiar vista or visual feature associated with the heritage or culture of the Peoria Park District, the City of Peoria, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or the Nation.
- P. “Structure” means anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires permanent or temporary location on or in the ground including, but not limited to, buildings, houses, bridges, pergolas, roads or statues.

CRITERIA FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION

In determining whether a structure, site or district is appropriate for designation as a Park District historic resource, the Park Board of Trustees shall consider whether the resource proposed for designation meets one or more of the following criteria:

- A. It is representative of the notable work of a master designer, builder, architect, or landscape architect whose individual ability has been recognized throughout the District.
- B. It establishes a sense of time and place unique to the Park District.
- C. It is suitable for preservation or restoration because of its integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship.
- D. It exemplifies or reflects valued elements of the Park District’s cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic or engineering history.
- E. It embodies unique location, scenic significance, environmental importance, or singular natural features.
- F. It embodies elements of outstanding or innovative attention to architectural or engineering design, detail, craftsmanship, or use of materials.

PARK BOARD OF TRUSTEES DUTIES

The Park Board will identify and actively encourage the conservation of the Park District’s historic resources by initiating and maintaining the Park District Register of Historic Resources (“Register”) and reviewing any proposed alteration, reconstruction, rehabilitation, restoration or demolition of historic resources listed in the Register. A proposed alteration, reconstruction, rehabilitation, restoration or demolition of a historic resource listed in the Register is referred to as a “Change.”

In carrying out these responsibilities, the Park Board of Trustees shall engage in the following:

1. Direct staff to conduct and maintain a comprehensive inventory of Peoria Park District historic resources within the boundaries of the Peoria Park District. Public input will be solicited and reviewed for historic resource to be included in the Park District Register prior to the adoption by the Board of Trustees of the initial Park District Register. The Park District shall hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of the initial Park District Register. Notice of the public hearing shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(e) of this Ordinance. An application form will be created so that a citizen can nominate a property to be included in the Park District Register. Requests for designation of an individual Park District resource may be initiated by any person or organization on application forms provided at Glen Oak Administration or on the website. Completed application forms will be submitted to the Director of Parks and Recreation for staff review and brought forth to the Board with the staff's recommendations within 90 days of submission of the application. In the event the staff recommends not including a nominated property in the Park District Register, the staff's report/recommendation will be provided to the person(s) nominating the property in advance of Board action on the staff's recommendation. In the event that the Board of Trustees denies a designation for a property nominated for inclusion on the Park District Register, no application related to the same property may be filed during the twelve (12) months following such denial by the Board of Trustees.
2. The Register shall be a compilation of cultural resources, historic districts, or landmarks identified by the Park Board of Trustees as having historic, aesthetic, or environmental significance worthy of recognition and protection by the Park District. Park District staff shall make an annual report to the Park Board of Trustees on the status and condition of each historic resource listed in the Register.
3. Review staff proposals for a Change to an historic resource listed in the Register.
 - a. The staff shall make a report to the Park Board of Trustees for a review of a proposed Change to an historic resource listed in the Register.
 - b. Each report for review of a proposed Change shall be accompanied by such detailed plans or any other information the Park Board of Trustees deems necessary for a proper review of the proposed project.
 - c. The Park Board of Trustees shall meet with the staff and review the proposed Change according to reasonable design review criteria.
 - d. Public comment shall be sought on any proposed Change to an historic resource listed in the Register. The Park District shall compile a list of persons, groups and organizations which are interested in the preservation of historical and cultural resources. Any known persons, groups, or organizations, including the person(s) who originally nominated the property included on the Park District Register for which a Change is proposed, shall be notified in writing of the date, time, place and purpose

of any Park Board of Trustees meeting when an historic resource is considered for a Change under the review process.

- e. The Park District shall hold a public hearing on a proposed Change to an historic resource listed in the Register. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the principal newspaper of general circulation not less than 7 days nor more than 14 days prior to the date set for the public hearing. Notice of a hearing shall be given to the Peoria Historical Society, the Peoria Historic Preservation Commission and to all registered neighborhood associations.
4. Park Board of Trustees' approval is required prior to commencement of work on a Change to a Register property excluding ordinary maintenance and repair or emergency measures. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance of any scenic area of landscape or to prevent the removal of such landscaping which the Superintendent of Parks certifies is required for the public safety because of unsafe or dangerous condition. Any landscape maintenance shall be done in accordance with generally acceptable horticultural practice.
5. Park District staff shall promote and conduct public information, educational and interpretive programs pertaining to the Park District's historic resource.