

HISTORIC DESIGNATION  
RECOGNIZES THE PAST...  
SO THAT WE CAN ALL  
ENJOY A RICHER FUTURE.

Park Ridge is home to a remarkable array of places that matter – a diversity of properties with historic, cultural, artistic and community significance. Each one pays homage to our past and contributes to the unique fabric of our community. And now, through local historic landmark designation, you can help make sure this rich legacy is protected for future generations to appreciate.



*The Pickwick Theatre, recipient of the city's first local landmark designation. High-profile buildings like the Pickwick aren't the only ones eligible for landmark status – any property owner in Park Ridge can apply!*

The Park Ridge Historic Preservation Code is Article 23 of the Municipal Code, and may be examined at City Hall or online at the City's website.



**For more information about landmark designation, or to apply, contact:**  
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“How will we know it's us  
without our past?”

JOHN STEINBECK,  
*THE GRAPES OF WRATH*

Your guide to  
applying for  
historic  
designation

# ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT PARK RIDGE HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

## What is a local landmark and what are the benefits of local landmark designation?

A local landmark is a site or structure that has been identified as a critical architectural, historical or cultural resource with significance to Park Ridge. The Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval to the City Council, and the City Council takes final action on landmark designation.

The benefits of owning a local landmark are recognition and protection of the landmark as a significant Park Ridge historic, architectural or cultural resource. Other benefits include participation in the nationwide effort to preserve the character of local communities, possible owner benefits through the State of Illinois and a renewed civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments of the past, thereby enhancing the City's appeal to visitors.

## Is owner consent required for landmark designation?

Yes, owner consent is required to become a local landmark.

## If my home is designated a landmark, what additional approvals are required for any exterior modifications, etc.?

A Certificate of Appropriateness is required for an alteration to a landmarked structure. The Historic Preservation Commission will review the proposed changes. Appearance Commission review is not required for alterations to landmarked properties. Landscaping changes alone and interior modifications at landmarked properties would not be subject to any Historic Preservation Commission review.

## If I sell my home after it is designated a landmark, can the next homeowner rescind the designation?

It is possible to rescind the designation, although the Commission would encourage and assist the owner in finding alternative options and solutions.

The Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission: Your partner in preserving our City's rich legacy.

The Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission is composed of nine residents, appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, with various backgrounds. The Commission is responsible for many things, including identifying sites having historic significance; recommending the designation of landmarks, recommending the designation of historic districts; reviewing proposed alterations to landmarks and structures within historic districts; and educating the public about historic preservation.

The Commission meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at City Hall, in the Council Chambers on the 1st floor. The public is welcome.



## How do I apply for historic landmark designation?

Applicants must complete a Park Ridge Landmark Designation Application form, which can be obtained at Park Ridge City Hall, in the Department of Community Preservation & Development on the second floor. The form can also be found online at [www.parkridge.us](http://www.parkridge.us).

Upon preliminary review and approval of the application, a public hearing will be scheduled. The nomination must then be recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission. Final approval is granted by the City Council.

