

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Adaptive Reuse. Altering the use of an old building for a purpose other than it was originally constructed.

Certificate of Appropriateness. A resolution of approval by the Historic District Review Commission or City Council required for external changes to landmark properties and properties in designated historic districts.

Character-defining. A feature or element of a structure that is essential to its architectural or historical significance.

Contributing Resource. A building, site, structure, or object that adds to the significance of a historic district.

Historic District. A significant concentration of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development and so designated by the City.

In-kind Replacement. The substitution of an existing architectural feature with a new one of the same material, texture, color, design, etc.

Integrity. The authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's historic period.

Landmark. A property that meets certain historical and architectural criteria and has been designated as such by City ordinance.

Non-contributing resource. A building, site, structure, or object that does not add to the historic significance of a district.

Preservation. The act of maintaining the form, integrity and materials of an existing historic property.

Rehabilitation. 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.

Renovation. Similar to rehabilitation, except that there is a greater amount of new materials and elements introduced into the property.

Restoration. The repair or recreation of the original architectural elements in a building so that it accurately depicts the appearance it had at a particular period in time.

Significance. Refers to the value or importance of a building, site, structure, object, or element based on its history or architectural integrity, originality, craftsmanship, and age.

Stabilization. The act or process of applying measures to ensure a weather resistant enclosure and the structural stability of an unsafe or deteriorated property while maintaining its existing form.

Streetscape. The visual character of the street, or how elements of the street form a cohesive environment.

Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The City's regulations governing zoning and development, including historic preservation.

Vernacular. In general, a simple building with modest details and form, not associated with any particular architectural style; associated with local or regional characteristics.

