

Heritage Preservation Commission Policy #17-001

Applications that require Heritage Preservation Commission review

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I. Purpose

This summarizes the policy of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) of what level of review is required per project type within a heritage district or at a heritage site. Certain projects will always require Commission review due to size or complexity and the potential effect on a heritage district. Proposals that do not meet the guidelines will require commission review.

The HPC has the authority to review exterior projects, demolition, or new construction prior to a city permit being issued. This authority only applies to locally designated historic sites and areas. As per Saint Paul Legislative Code §73.04.(4), If work does not require a city permit, then no HPC review is needed.

HPC Staff make the final decision on what applications require Commission review.

By adopting policies and procedures, equitable to all, the Heritage Preservations Commission aspires to conduct efficient and effective meetings. The Heritage Preservation Commission has the authority to set policies and procedures as per Legislative Code Sec. 73.03.

The Heritage Preservation Commission endeavors to treat all with dignity and respect, regardless of their race, religion, gender, ethnicity, age, or ability.

II. Statement of Policy

Applications that require Heritage Preservation Commission Review

Applications that do not meet the applicable design guidelines

Violations

New Primary Infill Construction

Additions to a primary (front) facade

Demolition of primary structures or contributing garages

Complex garages: more than 2 bays+

Proposed work that is not compliant with Building or Zoning Code

Applications eligible for administrative staff review*

*If application meets the applicable design guidelines

Rehabilitation work

Deck installation or renovation

Additions

Fencing

Antennas or wireless cell towers

Reroofing

Mechanical work: vents, HVAC, duct work, solar, etc.

Egress windows

Required life safety work

Window replacement

Garages

Signage

In-Kind repair or replacement

Work to structures outside of the Period-of-Significance (non-contributing or new construction)