



City of Visalia Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

HISTORIC SITES AND YOU: A Guide to Exterior Alterations for Historic Resources (For Informational Purposes Only)

You are receiving this informational mailer because you may own or reside on property that is either located within Visalia's Historic District or contains a structure listed on Visalia's Local Register of Historic Structures. The Historic District and Local Register were established to express the City's commitment to our cultural heritage as reflected in our historic structures, sites, and features. This is accomplished through:

1. The protection and preservation of historic structures;
2. The preservation and maintenance of historic residential areas as cohesive neighborhoods;
3. The enhancement of property values in the older areas of Visalia; and
4. Encouraging development of vacant and incompatibly developed properties in accordance with the character of the historic district.

The City of Visalia recognizes the importance of historical neighborhoods and structures. To preserve and protect these historic structures, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) was created. The HPAC consists of seven volunteer members who are appointed by the Visalia City Council and tasked with recognizing and safeguarding historic resources which contribute to Visalia's historic heritage. The HPAC accomplishes this through review of all proposals that seek exterior alterations to historically designated structures or sites.

This informational mailer serves to inform you that certain exterior modifications to historic structures or sites require review and approval by the HPAC prior to issuance of a Building Permit:

Exterior alterations that require HPAC review:

- ❖ Changes to windows;
- ❖ Changes to roofing materials;
- ❖ Changes to exterior siding materials;
- ❖ Changes to architectural details and trim;
- ❖ Signage, including alterations;
- ❖ New construction;
- ❖ Demolitions and relocations;
- ❖ Building additions;
- ❖ Building conversions or renovations;
- ❖ Accessory structures;
- ❖ New fences, including replacement fencing.

Modifications that do not require HPAC review:

- ❖ Swimming pools;
- ❖ Interior alterations;
- ❖ Addition or replacement of air conditioners, with exceptions (contact City Staff);
- ❖ Interior or exterior painting;
- ❖ General maintenance (i.e., reroofs, residing, masonry repair) with like materials, resulting in no changes in exterior materials, details, and appearance.

Note that the above list is not comprehensive. For more information on historic preservation and how it may apply to your site and/or structure, please visit the City of Visalia Planning Division at 315 E. Acequia Avenue, Visalia CA 93291, visit the HPAC website by scanning the QR Code, or contact Cristobal Carrillo, Associate Planner, at (559) 713-4443 and cristobal.carrillo@visalia.city.



Thank you for your time and stewardship of the City's unique and historically significant structures!