

CHAPTER 2

HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND AREAS

SECTION:

7-2-1: Preserve Historic Structures and Maintain Their Historic Integrity

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A. BUILDING CLASSIFICATION:

1. Class A. Buildings existing in 1940 which have architectural, historical and/or neighborhood significance.
2. Class B. Any building designated by the City Council for historic preservation. See exhibit A

B. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDINGS IN A & B DESIGNATION:

1. A or B Buildings: Any building classified as A or B, or any part of appurtenance thereof, including but not limited to walls, fences, light fixtures, steps, driveways, parking areas and paving shall only be moved, reconstructed, altered or maintained in a manner that will preserve its historical, architectural and neighborhood significance. When making that determination, recognition shall be given to the design and placement of buildings previously on the site and their past relationship with surrounding buildings.
2. Demolition or removal of A or B Buildings: Should a property owner want to demolish or remove a building classified A or B, a four (4) month notice of the proposed demolition or removal shall be given before a demolition or removal permit is issued. The

owner of the affected building shall cause notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least two (2) times one week apart prior to demolition or removal. The first notice shall be published no later than fifteen (15) days after the application for a permit for demolition or removal is filed and the final notice shall be published approximately fifteen (15) days prior to the date of demolition or removal. The purpose of this section as to further the purposes of this ordinance by preserving buildings classified A or B which are important to the architectural, historical and neighborhood significance of the City, and to afford the City, interested persons, historical societies or organizations the opportunity to acquire or to arrange for preservation of such buildings.

3. Negotiation to avoid demolition: During this four (4) month period, the Commission may negotiate with the owner of the property and with any other parties in an effort to find a means of preserving the property. Such negotiations may include relocation to a new site, or inducements to interested third parties to purchase the property for the purpose of preserving it. (Ord. 07-0808-4, 08-08-07)