

## What Does Review for Potential Historical Buildings Currently Require?

The Municipal Code currently requires that when a project is proposed on a property with a building that is 45 years old or older, that building must be evaluated to determine if it is historic and eligible for designation (SDMC Section 143.0212). We are currently working on an update to the City's Heritage Preservation Program. Provide input at [www.sandiego.gov/historyandprogress](http://www.sandiego.gov/historyandprogress)

## How Does the Review Process for Potential Historical Resources Work?

Any application for a building permit involving a structure that is 45 years or older is currently required to be reviewed for historic significance. This review process is based on a photographic survey and the building record from the County Assessor.

Before you submit a project or purchase a property with a building that is 45 years or older you can opt to:

- **Request a half hour consultation** with Heritage Preservation staff at the City Planning Department to get a sense of whether your property is historic **OR**
- Submit a **preliminary review** to determine the potential for historic resources on your project site.

### Initial Review

City staff will take a first look at the project to determine if it is potentially historic in accordance with existing requirements.

**85 to 90 percent** of projects are deemed **not historic** and cleared from further historic review.



Remaining 10 to 15 percent require additional historical review.

### Project Review

Project is evaluated for impacts on possible historic significance.

Projects consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards are approved.



When projects are not consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, a historic report is required to evaluate the building.

### Technical Review

City staff reviews the historic report to determine if the building is eligible for historic designation.

Upon review of the historic report, City staff may deem the property **not historic** and the the project may be approved.



The property may be sent to the Historical Resources Board (HRB) to consider historic designation. Each year, roughly 12 properties are sent to the HRB and considered for designation

### Historical Resources Board

The HRB holds a public hearing and votes on whether the property should be historically designated.

Designations can be appealed to the City Council on limited grounds. **Projects that are consistent with Secretary of the Interior's Standards can be approved by-right.** Designated resource projects that are not consistent require a Site Development Permit.

