

GUIDELINES FOR STRUCTURE OF MERIT DESIGNATION

PURPOSE OF DESIGNATION

The Historic Preservation Code authorizes the Landmark Preservation Advisory Board to develop and approved a list of structures not currently landmarks which have “historical, architectural, or aesthetic merit.” The stated purpose of a Structure of Merit designation is to “recognize the protection, enhancement and use of such structures.”

The Landmarks Board interprets this purpose as development of preservation awareness and education within the community and city government as to the value of such properties. The designation does not provide any protection for the structure such as is gained by Landmarking. The designation does not provide protection for, or review control over, the building by the Landmarks Board.

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

1. All structures officially designated by state or federal agencies are automatically on the list since the ordinance requires their inclusion. Thus structures listed on the State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places will be listed.
2. As surveys of Boulder are completed, neighborhood by neighborhood, the Board will review survey results and consider appropriate Structure of Merit designations.
3. The Board will consider neighborhoods in which few individual structures have been landmarked, yet contain structures which merit designation.
4. Types of structures important to the development of Boulder such as churches, schools and terraces may also be considered for designation.

PROCEDURE FOR DESIGNATION

Maintenance of the list is ongoing. When additional Boulder structures are added to state and national registers they will automatically be entered on the Boulder list.

When the Board proposes to consider other structures for designation, notification will immediately be given to the property owner. The chair may appoint a subcommittee of the Board to receive or make recommendations for designation.