

DESIGN CRITERIA

For

DESIGNATED GALESBURG LANDMARKS

The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features is to be avoided.

All buildings, structures, and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time. Alterations which have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance are not appropriate. New additions or other real improvements shall be designs which are compatible with the materials, size, scale, color and texture already prevailing in the structure or site. (This shall not be construed to mean that the design shall duplicate the original structure.) If any real improvements must be constructed which are not compatible with the surroundings, they shall not be visible from the public right-of-way. Visibility from the public right-of-way shall be restricted through one of three ways:

- 1) The real improvement must be located behind an existing structure so as to be hidden from the public right-of-way.
- 2) The real improvement must be screened from view of the public right-of-way by fencing which is compatible with the structures or site;
- 3) The real improvement must be screened from view of the public right-of-way by natural vegetation which would provide year-round screening (e.g. evergreens).

Changes, which may have taken place in the course of time, are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure, or site. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right and this significance will be recognized and respected.

Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site shall be preserved.

Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, wherever possible. In the event replacement is necessary and possible, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.

Exterior paint schemes, storm doors, storm windows, screens, window air conditioners, antennae, landscaping, and similar cosmetic items (not to include siding materials) are not subject to a Certificate of Appropriateness; however, such items as permanently mounted air conditioner units (either central or a wall unit for which a hole is to be cut through the structure) shall not be visible from the public right-of-way.