

## RESOLUTION R-89-12

### A RESOLUTION APPROVING UPDATED LANDMARK NOMINATION CRITERIA

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton has established the "City of Wheaton Historic Commission" whose purpose is to promote awareness of Wheaton's history; and

WHEREAS, the "City of Wheaton Historic Commission" has recommended to the City Council that the City Council update the Landmark Nomination Criteria; and

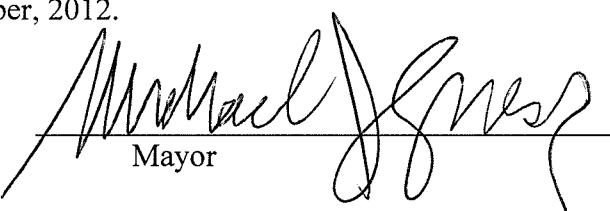
WHEREAS, the "City of Wheaton Historic Commission" desires to utilize the Landmark Nomination Criteria as the basis for identifying structures or sites of historical significance in the City of Wheaton to list in the Wheaton Register of Historic Places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton, Illinois, that the Updated Landmark Nomination Criteria, as established by the "City of Wheaton Historic Commission" and attached hereto, is hereby adopted as the official criteria of the City of Wheaton for designating historic sites and structures.

ADOPTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

ATTEST:

  
Sean Bennett Hagen  
City Clerk

  
Michael J. Gresk  
Mayor

#### Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Councilman Scalzo  
Councilman Suess  
Councilwoman Ives  
Councilman Mouhelis  
Councilman Rutledge  
Mayor Gresk  
Councilwoman Pacino Sanguinetti

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Motion Carried Unanimously

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## WHEATON HISTORIC COMMISSION LANDMARK NOMINATION CRITERIA

The purpose of the City of Wheaton Historic Commission's Wheaton Register of Historic Places Program is to identify and acknowledge historically significant sites in Wheaton, and to promote awareness and appreciation of their importance to our community.

A site's significance is based upon its historic context, specifically information about the period, place, and events that created, influenced, or formed the backdrop to the site, providing an understanding of the site as a product of its time. The site may be unique, representative, or influential. Any type of site, whether residential, commercial, institutional, religious, educational, or industrial, is eligible for listing.

Selection for the Register is based upon criteria in one or more of the following three categories: historical significance, architectural design, and age. At least one of the three criteria must be met:

1. Historical Significance: A building or site may qualify if it is at least fifty (50) years of age, and
  - is of significant value as part of the historic or cultural characteristics of the community, county, state, or nation
  - is significantly identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or nation
  - its unique location or singular physical characteristics make it an established or familiar visual feature, or
  - it has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history
2. Architectural Design: A building may qualify if it is at least fifty (50) years of age, and
  - is representative of the distinguishing characteristics of architecture inherently valuable for the study of a period, type, or method of construction
  - is a notable work of a master architect, builder, designer, craftsman, or artisan, whose individual work has influenced the development of the city, county, state, or nation, or
  - its character is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, including but not limited to farmhouses, gas stations, or other commercial structures, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance
3. Age: A building may qualify if it is at least one hundred (100) years of age and retains its original style and integrity

Additionally, once a site has met one of these three criteria, the following guidelines will be applied to determine the significance of the site for listing in the Register.

**Original Character:** Distinguishing, original qualities for which the structure or site is nominated shall not be destroyed. Removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features must be avoided. Examples of skilled craftsmanship or distinctive stylistic features which characterize a building, structure, or site shall be preserved.

**Alterations:** All structures worthy of recognition must be maintained as products of their era(s). Alterations which have no historical basis or which seek to create an appearance of an earlier style are generally not appropriate.

New additions or other improvements shall be compatible (although not necessarily duplications of) the materials, size, scale, color and texture of the original architecture. Any replacement siding must uphold the integrity of the original structure. Any siding may be acceptable as long as the size, scale, shape, and appearance of the original structure remains intact. Therefore, architectural features such as, but not limited to brackets, scalloped or fish scale shingles, turrets, towers and corbels must be maintained.

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

New additions and adjacent or related new construction should generally be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic site and its environment would be unimpaired.

**Repair:** Whenever possible, deteriorated architectural features should be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of the deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature or material should match the composition, design, color, texture, and visual effect of the original.

Repair or replacement of architectural features should be based, where possible, on accurate duplications of features substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence rather than conjecture or availability of architectural elements from other buildings.

**Modernizations:** Exterior paint schemes, storm windows and doors, screens, window air conditioners, antennae, green technology, and similar cosmetic items which were not part of the original structure may be acceptable. However, permanently mounted air conditioner units or other modernization efforts must not visibly detract from the appearance of the structure as viewed from the public right-of-way.