

GUIDELINES FOR STRUCTURE OF MERIT RECOGNITION

PURPOSE OF RECOGNITION

The historic preservation code authorizes the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board to develop and approve a list of structures not currently landmarked which have “historical, architectural, or aesthetic merit.” The stated purpose of a Structure of Merit recognition is to “recognize and encourage 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 recognition does not provide the level of recognition for the structure such as is gained by Landmarking. Recognition of a structure of merit does not add any additional regulations regarding any alterations to the structure. Permits for demolition, moving, or removal of all buildings over 50 years old are reviewed by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board under the provisions of Section 9-11-23, “Review of Permits for Demolition, Moving and Removal of Building Permits,” B.R.C. 1981. [However, the Landmarks Board will also review applications for demolition, moving and removal of structures that are less than 50 years old under the provisions of Section 9-11-23, “Review of Permits for Demolition, Moving and Removal of Buildings,” B.R.C. 1981, if the structure is recognized as a structure of merit. – repealed in 2000]

CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION

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 the 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 RECOGNITION

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.

This rule amends and replaces the administrative regulation of the landmarks Preservation Advisory Board dated September 14, 1988 entitled "Guidelines for Structure of Merit Designation."

ADOPTED by the landmarks Preservation Advisory Board as an administrative rule this 4th day of June, 1997.

[signed]
Chair

[signed]
Lara Ramsey
Secretary to the Board

Proposed rule approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney's Office on May 7, 1997 by David J. Gehr, Assistant City Attorney.

Proposed rule approved prior to publication by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on May 7, 1997

Three copies of the proposed rules filed with the City Clerk on May 13, 1997.

Date of publication of notice in the Daily Camera, may 13, 1997.

Approved by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board without change after considering public comment on:

June 4, 1997 by

[signed]
Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board

Adopted rules filed with the City Clerk and effective on June 4, 1997.