



Pittsburgh Department of City Planning

HISTORIC REVIEW PROCESS GUIDE

ABOUT HISTORIC REVIEW PROCESS

Historic review is an important part of the Development Review process in the Department of City Planning. Successful historic design improves quality of life, enhances neighborhood character, and provides economic and environmental benefits.

HOW TO APPLY

If you're interested in completing exterior work, demolition, or new construction on a property that's individually designated or located in a City-designated Historic District, approval by the Historic Review Commission (HRC) is required. Applications require a submission through OneStopPGH, the City's online permitting system. The application review process is called Development Review.

Prior to starting your project, applicants may set up a preliminary review meeting with Historic Preservation staff to discuss the review process. Contact staff to set up a meeting.

TO START YOUR PROJECT

- *Review the Historic District Guidelines. Refer to the [Historic Designation and Districts](#) webpage*
- *Review the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Process Guide. This Process Guide provides Application Requirements and a Document Checklist of required items for historic review.*
 - [COA Process Guide](#) link
- *Submit a OneStopPGH application.*
 - [OneStopPGH](#) webpage

APPROVAL PROCESS

The extent of the historic review process can vary depending on the scale and scope of the project. Painting and in-kind replacement can be approved over-the-counter. More complex projects such as new construction and demolition must be approved by the HRC.

The following steps illustrate the typical process an application takes from submission to issuing a permit:

- *City Planning review*
- *Historic Review Commission Briefing. Briefings are recommended for proposed new construction and demolitions.*
- *Development Activities Meeting (DAM) if applicable per project scope*
- *Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) if applicable per project scope*
- *Historic Review Commission Public meeting*
- *After Historic Review Commission meeting*

HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION

The HRC meets the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 1:00 PM and agendas are posted 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Link to [City Planning Meetings Calendar](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact staff: historicreview@pittsburghpa.gov

Website: [Historic Preservation Program](#)