

Proposed Historic District Boundary Expansion Facts:

Process:

1. Process is outlined in the City Code
 2. Property owners will be notified before each step in the process occurs
 3. Significant opportunities for public comment
 4. Recommendations from the Historic Review Commission and the Planning Commission
 5. City Council has the final decision
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Requirements:

1. Historic review of EXTERNAL changes only
2. Applications items include:
 - a. Application
 - b. Fee if required
 - c. Photos
 - d. Description of the project
 - e. Details of the materials to be used
3. Review level depends on the details of the project
4. Part of building permit requirements
5. Certificate of Economic Hardship application appeals the decision of the Historic Review Commission
6. Appealable to the Court of Common Pleas

Definitions:

1. **Certificate of Appropriateness** – placard issued by the Historic Review Commission once the project is reviewed and approved – for EXTERNAL projects only
 2. **In-kind repair or replacement** – changes to a property that use the same materials as those being repaired or removed
 3. **Specs** – details of the product being used in the project which can generally be obtained from the contractor or supplier
 4. **Zoning Approval** – assurance that the proposed use of your property is allowed (not part of historic review)
 5. **Building Permit** – placard issued by the Department of Building Inspection that is needed for both EXTERNAL and INTERNAL projects(not part of historic review)
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