

PART C

SECTION VII LANDMARK PRESERVATION

ARTICLE 5 Designation of Preservation Districts or Protected Sites

A. Designation of Exteriors and Interiors

1. Designation of a Protected Site, may apply to the exterior only, or to the interior only, or to both. The designation shall include a specific reference as to whether the interior or exterior or both is intended; where such specific reference is omitted, the designation shall be deemed to apply to the exterior only.
2. Designation of a Preservation District shall be deemed to apply to the exterior only of structures or sites therein, except that interiors of any structure within the District may be designated by specific reference thereto.
3. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, at the time of designation of a Preservation District, or at any time thereafter as an amendment to said designation, the control elements constituting a "Material Change of Appearance" as defined in Article 2, Subsection F of this Article may be modified in their application to said preservation district by deleting the specific element contained in Subsection F(6), provided however, that any such modification shall have been submitted to the Landmark Preservation Board for its review and comments prior to final action.

B. No Preservation District or Protected Site, as the case may be, shall be designated unless it is found to possess one (1) or more of the following characteristics:

1. association with persons or events of historic significance to the city, region, state or nation;
2. illustrative of historic growth and development of the city, region, state or nation;
3. in the case of structures, embodying distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or representing the work of a master, or possessing unique architectural and artistic qualities, or representing a significant and distinguishable entity whose component may lack individual distinction;
4. in the case of districts, possessing a unique overall quality of architectural scale, texture, form and visual homogeneity even though certain structures within the district may lack individual distinction;
5. in the case of interiors, possessing one (1) or more of the characteristics enumerated in 1, 2 or 3 above and, in addition, embodying distinctive characteristics of architectural scale, form and visual homogeneity, which are an integral part of the character of the structure in which the space is contained.

C. Designation of a Preservation District or a Protected Site shall be deemed an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and official Zoning Map of the City of Syracuse and shall become effective only after public hearing upon approval of such amendment in the manner provided by law. The Landmark Preservation Board or any person, group or persons or association may petition the City Planning Commission for adoption of such an amendment. In addition to any other notices required by law, the Planning Commission shall notify the Board ten (10) days prior thereto of any hearings bearing on a proposed designation or change thereof.

- D. The resolutions and/or recommendations of the City Planning Commission with respect to any proposed designation or change thereof, together with the recommendations of any of the Board shall be forwarded to the City Clerk, who shall transmit copies of the same to members of the Common Council. The Council shall either adopt, modify or reject the recommendations of the Planning Commission with respect to a proposed designation or change thereof.

Within five (5) business days after a designation by Council of a District or Protected Site becomes effective, notice of such designation shall be sent to all affected property owners, and to all city and county departments having power to administer and enforce any laws, codes or regulations governing real property within the City, and a certified copy of the designating ordinance shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of Onondaga County and indexed against the affected parcels of land.