



## ROCKFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

425 East State Street  
Rockford, Illinois 61104

### CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION OF A LANDMARK

The Rockford Code of Ordinances establishes the following criteria for property to be designated as a landmark by the City of Rockford:

***Requirement for all landmarks*** – To be a Rockford landmark, a building, structure, site or object must retain the integrity and spirit of its original design.

In addition to this basic requirement, proposed landmark properties must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. The building, structure or object predates 1860; or
2. It is an exceptional example of a historic or vernacular style, or one of the few remaining in the City;  
or
3. It is an extraordinary curiosity or picturesque work; or
4. It is the work of a nationally famous architect; or
5. It is an outstanding or the only known example of work by a locally well-known architect or master builder; or
6. It has known historic significance because it is the property most closely associated with the life or activities of a major historic person, organization or group (including ethnic groups); or
7. It has known historic significance because it is the property most associated with a notable historic event; or
8. It is of a type or is associated with a use once common but now rare; or
9. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history; or
10. By virtue of its location or activities held there, it is a current or former focal point of life in the City.

Under Question #9 on the application form (“Significance”), be sure to indicate which of the criteria the proposed landmark property meets, clearly explaining why. If it meets more than criterion, then you must provide an explanation for each one indicated.