



ROCKFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

425 East State Street
Rockford, Illinois 61104

REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS

1. The geographic area which is the subject of a historic district application must have definable boundaries in the form of natural features or existing physical improvements; **and**
2. A visual sense of history must exist within the proposed boundaries; **and**
3. The buildings, places or areas within the proposed district are of sufficient historic significance to be worthy of rehabilitation, restoration and preservation because either:
 - a) The proposed district contains one or more landmarks along with such other buildings, places or areas which, while not of such historic significance to be designated as landmarks, nevertheless contribute to the overall visual characteristics of the landmark or landmarks located within the district; **or**
 - b) The proposed district contains buildings, places or areas which, while not of such individual significance to be designated as landmarks, nevertheless, as an aggregate, possess historic significance for the City of Rockford in:
 - 1) Establishing a sense of time and place unique to the City of Rockford; **and/or**
 - 2) Exemplifying or reflecting the cultural, social, economic, political or architectural history of the nation, the state or the city; **and/or**
 - 3) Representing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type which is inherently valuable for studying a period, style, method of construction, indigenous materials or unique craftsmanship.