

info & updates

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Incentives for historic designation

The city recently celebrated Historic Preservation Month honoring the importance of preservation. Winter Park has approximately 200 historic homes within the College Quarter and Virginia Heights historic districts listed on the Winter Park Register of Historic Places.

Currently, the city also has two historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Downtown Winter Park and Interlachen Avenue Historic District. The National Register of Historic Places is an official listing of properties throughout the country that reflect the historic development of our nation, state and local communities. To review both historic registers, please access cityofwinterpark.org/historicpreservation.

If you are considering registering your home or property, the city offers incentives to encourage completing the designation process:

reduced or waived building permit fees

The city will reduce or waive the building permit by 1/3 or 33% for both the plan review fee and the main building permit fees. This incentive only applies to designated properties or those in a historic district.

undergrounding of electric services

The city's electric utility currently charges customers \$3,000 to run the (service wire) electricity from the street to the house. A historic designation would waive the cost of that connection.

rehabilitation grants

The city provides rehabilitation grants. The program provides a 50% match to a property owner for exterior improvements. The maximum city matching grant is \$25,000 per property.

variance request review

Many historic homes were built at a time before the city had zoning or when the zoning rules were much more lenient, and are now "nonconforming" meaning that they do not conform to today's zoning rules. This often requires variances in order to undertake additions or expansions to the home. The Historic Preservation Board can address these situations with more flexibility in granting of setback variances and other waivers.

accessory living unit additions

The Historic Preservation Board is also empowered to allow a second accessory living unit as a rental on an otherwise single-family residential property, subject to their review, providing parking and compatibility with respect to location.

Charming and beloved places such as Casa Feliz, the Winter Park Golf Course & Country Club, All Saints Episcopal Church, Annie Russell Theater, Knowles Memorial Chapel, Albin Polasek house and studio, and the Woman's Club of Winter Park are all historic locations listed on the National Register. If you own a historic home or property, the city encourages you to preserve your treasured asset as an important piece of the city's history. Interested homeowners can find more information about registering their properties by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/historicpreservation. Applications are accepted year-round.



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