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Special mailing coming to Sherman Boulevard Historic District property owners

Owners of residences located in the Sherman Boulevard Historic District will soon be receiving an important brochure in the mail outlining key information, courtesy of the Historic Preservation Commission and **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II**, and **Alderman DiAndre Jackson**.

The detailed brochure (**attached**) includes a summary of requirements owners must fulfill when making changes to the exterior of a property, as well as important city contact information (and much more).

Alderman Stamper, whose 15th District includes the southerly portion of the historic district, said the mailing is a proactive effort to help owners understand what steps to follow if they are considering making any exterior changes to their property. “Changes to the exterior of your home may require approval from the Historic Preservation Commission, and the brochure provides the critical information you will need to do any project in accordance with the city’s historic preservation guidelines,” he said.

Alderman Jackson, whose 7th District includes the northern portion of the Sherman Boulevard Historic District, said any preservation-required exterior repairs or changes to a property require a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). “There is no charge for COA applications and most applications are approved within one to two business days. Applications can be submitted and reviewed by email in coordination with Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff,” Alderman Jackson said.

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Any projects requiring a hearing and approval from the Historic Preservation Commission will be clearly communicated and addressed by HPC staff.

“We strongly encourage property owners to take a look at the brochure when it arrives, and to contact the HPC with any questions or concerns,” Aldermen Stamper and Jackson said.

Anyone with questions about whether a City of Milwaukee property is a locally designated historic property can find out by using the **search engine** located on the HPC website – www.city.milwaukee.gov/hpc.

Sherman Boulevard was designated as a City of Milwaukee historic district in 1995. The district’s importance comes from its early-20th century architecture and the grand boulevard connecting Sherman and Washington Parks.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Because your historic property

is located within the Sherman Boulevard Historic District, all exterior repairs or changes to your property require a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). Your historic property is of great importance and value to the city, and this requirement helps ensure that your property maintains its unique character. The COA application process is easy, and in most cases, Certificates of Appropriateness can be issued without requiring a hearing.

Examples of work requiring COA approval include:

- Windows (including storm windows)
- Doors (including storm or security doors)
- Siding and trim
- Roofing and trim
- Chimneys
- Accessory structures
- New construction
- Repointing and other masonry work
- Driveway & sidewalk paving
- Permanent landscaping features
- Fencing
- Signs
- Porch and railing repair/replacement
- Exterior mechanical system upgrades



Scan the QR code to learn more about the history of Sherman Boulevard and to find the historic preservation guidelines for the district.



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New owners in your neighborhood?

If you have new neighbors, please share this information with them, or contact us so that we can welcome them to the district.

If you have any questions about

- Historic preservation
 - Design guidelines
 - Material selection
- Call the Historic Preservation Office at
414-286-5712 or 414-286-5722

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Did you know you live in a historic district?

- Sherman Boulevard was designated as a City of Milwaukee historic district in 1995.
- The district's importance comes from its early-20th century architecture and the grand boulevard connecting Sherman and Washington Parks.
- Changes to the exterior of your home may require approval from the Historic Preservation Commission. Please contact our office before making any changes to check whether you need a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA).
Interior changes do not require approval!
- There is no charge for COA applications and most applications are approved within one to two business days. Applications can be submitted and reviewed by email.
- Some projects may require a hearing and approval from the Historic Preservation Commission. We can help you determine if your project would need this review.
- When in doubt, reach out!
WE ARE HERE TO HELP



LEGACY

Milwaukee's rich heritage has been preserved in our historic neighborhoods and in buildings like yours. The City of Milwaukee's Historic Preservation Commission was created to assist you in preserving that heritage. As an owner of one of Milwaukee's designated historic properties, we appreciate your commitment to preserve and enhance the investment you have made in your property and in Milwaukee.

- The Historic Preservation Ordinance states "No person or entity shall alter, reconstruct or rehabilitate" any Historic Property without first obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- The Certificate of Appropriateness application and other useful information may be found on the City's Historic Preservation page: milwaukee.gov/HPC
- Most properties change over time; HPC's goal is to manage that change in ways that respect the original design.
- Changes to your historic property project may also require a permit from the Dept. of Neighborhood Services (DNS). **Contact DNS at 414-286-2543 or DNSGeneral@milwaukee.gov** to check whether a permit is needed.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

As a property owner in a historic district, you may be eligible for valuable financial assistance to help you maintain your property.

Owners of historic residences in Wisconsin may be eligible for income tax credits that can help pay for their home's rehabilitation. The Homeowners' Tax Credit program returns 25 percent of approved rehabilitation expenses for eligible historic homes as a state income tax credit. The Wisconsin Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office administers this program. wisconsinhistory.org/taxcredits

Rehabilitation grants and loans for income-qualified owners are available through the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC). For more information, contact the **NIDC Information Hotline, 414-286-5608** or visit milwaukee.gov/NIDC.



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