

## Listing a Property in the Registers of Historic Places

### **WICHITA REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (WRHP)**

A property will not be considered for listing in the Wichita Register of Historic Places without consent by the private property owner. Listing in the Wichita Register of Historic Places requires a nomination submission to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Wichita Historic Preservation Office for consideration and review for eligibility using the criteria established in the National Register Bulletin #15 as specified in Sec 2.12.1018-1019.2. Properties outside of the Wichita City limit are submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office.

### **REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES (RHKP) AND THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP)**

1. Any person may submit a Preliminary Site Information Questionnaire (PSIQ) for the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to make a determination of eligibility for listing a property in the Register of Historic Places. A property will not be considered for listing in state or national registers without consent by the private property owner. See Item 7 below for listing of publically owned buildings.
2. If SHPO makes a determination of eligibility for potential listing in the Register of Historic Places, SHPO notifies the property sponsor that they are authorized to prepare a draft nomination that addresses the Criteria for Evaluation listed below.
3. Upon receipt of the draft nomination, SHPO has up to 60 days to review the draft nomination and suggest revisions.
4. Once the nomination is complete, it will be scheduled for consideration by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review. This board meets quarterly and sends agendas 45 days prior to the meeting. It typically takes about five to six months to get the PSIQ evaluated, the nomination completed and set the date for the Historic Sites Board of Review meeting. The hearings generally occur in February, May, August and November each year.
5. Since Wichita is a Certified Local Government, the Wichita Historic Preservation Board (HPB) and the Chief Elected Official (Mayor) are afforded the opportunity to comment on nominations of properties located within the Wichita city limits. The Chief Elected Official and the HPB review the nomination based Criteria for Evaluation listed below per the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register Bulletin #15.  
[https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/upload/NRB-15\\_web508.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/upload/NRB-15_web508.pdf)
6. If the HPB and Mayor agree that the proposed nomination does not meet the criteria for listing in the Register of Historic Places, SHPO will not schedule the nomination for consideration by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review unless an appeal is filed by the property (owner or sponsor) within thirty days with SHPO in accordance with the regulations established by the National Park Service on the appeals process.
7. Publicly-owned buildings can be nominated by any member (property sponsor) of the public. According to federal regulations, public entities cannot object to listing so the nomination would proceed if a complete nomination was prepared.

The Mayor's Office and the Wichita Historic Preservation Office will receive a letter from the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office providing notice as to when the nomination will be scheduled on the agenda for the State Historic Sites Board of Review. The Mayor and City Council may respond in writing to the State Historic Preservation Officer or attend the public hearing.

Since the City is a Certified Local Government and has a programmatic agreement to perform functions, such as design review and comment on properties that are submitted for consideration for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places (RHKP) and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

If a public building is officially listed in the RHKP and the NRHP, the property owner (public entity) would be eligible to apply for a 30% State Historic Income Tax Credit for qualifying rehabilitation expenses, example The Wichita Aviation Museum and the Fresh Air Baby Camp. The proposed remodeling plans would be submitted to SHPO for review and approval under a three part process. Once the remodeling is complete and SHPO has reviewed and approved the Part 3 documentation, the Department of Revenue reviews and certifies the dollar amount of the state tax credits issued. The governing body can then market those tax credits to companies (banks, developers, insurance companies) that have tax liability in the State of Kansas. State Income Tax Credits generally sell for \$0.90 to \$0.96 on the dollar depending on the dollar amount of the certified tax credit.

## **Listing In The Wichita Register Of Historic Places, The Register Of Historic Kansas Places Or The National Register Of Historic Places, DOES NOT Prevent A Listed Structure From Demolition**

### **Demolition**

It is possible for a building on the Wichita Register of Historic Places, The Register of Historic Kansas Places, and/or the National Register of Historic Places to be demolished.

1. The owner would have to submit a design review application to the Wichita Historic Preservation Board.
2. The Wichita Historic Preservation Board (acting on behalf of the Kansas State Historic Preservation Officer, per the Certified Local Government agreement with the State of Kansas) is required to evaluate the demolition project under the following conditions.

- Would the demolition encroach upon, damage or destroy the integrity of the listed structure?

The Wichita Historic Preservation Board would likely find that the demolition would adversely affect the integrity of the structure and deny the application.

3. The case would be sent to the governing body for consideration. The governing body may overturn the denial of the HPB with a finding of “no feasible or prudent alternative” and approve the demolition of the building.

### **Criteria for Evaluation**

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- That are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past; or

- That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- That have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.