

Question 1: Do I need a certificate of appropriateness if I am making changes just to the inside of my building?

Answer 1: Generally, no. However, a building permit may be required. Consult the City's Zoning and Code enforcement officer.

Question 2: Can I build an addition or make other significant structural changes to a landmark building?

Answer 2: The answer is, yes, providing the Historic Preservation Commission finds the changes to be compatible with the building's historic character and the historic features of the building are altered as little as possible. A certificate of appropriateness must be obtained before commencing work.

Question 3: Can I obtain a tax break for work done on my landmark building?

Answer 3: Possibly, yes. See the section on "Historic Property Tax Exemption." Note that exemptions are granted only on property designated as a landmark by the Historic Preservation Commission and the designation must precede the work being started.

Question 4: I need help in renovating or restoring a landmark building. Where can I get information on how to do this work?

Answer 4: The Historic Preservation Commission stands ready to lend assistance in helping you find the information you need. Please feel free to contact the Commission Chair. Also go to the "Resources" and "Useful Links" sections of this website. Through these latter two sections, you can further identify publications and individuals that are likely to be of assistance.