

ARCHITECTURE RESTORATION AND REVIEW BOARD

ASHTABULA HARBOR HISTORICAL DISTRICT

GUIDELINES FOR PRESERVATION ALTERATION RESTORATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION.

A. Purpose.

The Purpose of these guidelines is to promote the general community health, safety, convenience and welfare by maintaining a high quality of community development to protect and preserve the value, use and appearance of property; to promote the stability of property values and to protect real estate from impairment or destruction of value. These purposes will be served by the regulation of exterior design, use of materials, dimensions, landscaping and orientation of all buildings, other structures and other physical elements hereinafter altered, constructed, reconstructed, erected, enlarged or remodeled in the herein after defined Ashtabula Harbor Historical District.

These regulations are established to achieve, among others, the following objectives:

- (1) To foster community identification and civic pride by maintaining a high quality of design and amenity in the Ashtabula Harbor Historical District
- (2) To stimulate and protect economic activity in the Ashtabula Harbor Historical District and indirectly, throughout the community, by ensuring the continued economic competitiveness and attractiveness of the City of Ashtabula.
- (3) To protect, preserve, enhance and take best advantage of the historic character afforded the commercial core and the community by virtue of the significant number of older historic structures and features in the Ashtabula Harbor Historical District.

B. Definitions.

- (1) "Board" means the Architectural Review Board.
- (2) "Certificate of appropriateness" means the official document issued by the Architectural Review Board approving and/or concurring in any application for a permit for the construction, erection, alteration, removal, moving or demolition of any building, other structure or other physical element in the Ashtabula Harbor Historical District and declaring the Board's determination that such project complies with the provisions of this code.
- (3) "Ashtabula Harbor Historical District" means the area described in Ordinance 7788 and 2003-11.
- (4) "Exterior architectural feature" means the architectural style and general arrangement of the exterior of a structure, including the type and texture of building materials and all the windows, doors, lights, signs and other fixtures appurtenant thereto.

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C. Establishment.

There is hereby established an Ashtabula Harbor Historical District as a special district under the ordinance number 7788 and 2003-11

An Architectural Review Board to control the alteration, restoration and preservation of all National Register properties subject to conformity with structures to the epochal period 1885 AD to 1925 AD and subject to all the rules and regulations and authority of the City Planning Commission, is hereby established.

The Ashtabula Harbor Historical District shall include all lots and buildings, including public properties and rights of way, included within the following areas: That area so designated on the revised Zoning Map of the City of Ashtabula and as set forth in the Ordinance number 7788 and 2003-11.

D. Duties and Powers of the Architectural Review Board.

The Architectural Review Board shall have the following duties and powers with respect to the Ashtabula Harbor Historical District:

The Architectural Review Board shall prepare a comprehensive plan for the Harbor Historic District so that any new construction, preservation, restoration, reconstruction and rehabilitation of homes, commercial establishments or other structures shall conform to the epochal period 1885 AD to 1925 AD

The Architectural Review Board shall have the sole responsibility for permitting, by approval of application of any property owner within the Ashtabula Harbor Historical District for construction, preservation, restoration, reconstruction or rehabilitation of any home, commercial establishment or other structure within, subject to the review of the City Planning Commission.

The Architectural Review Board shall have the exclusive power in determining the razing or demolition of any structure within the Ashtabula Harbor Historical District, subject to the review of the City Planning Commission

