

1996 Historic Preservation Ordinance

Dear Monroe property owner:

In 1996, the Common Council of the city of Monroe enacted procedures for designation of historic properties and sites. The procedure authorized the appointment of a citizens' committee to develop guidelines and assist property owners in efforts to preserve and restore historically and architecturally significant exterior features of designated properties.

The guidelines the committee has reviewed and adopted are standards provided by the United States Secretary of the Interior. Those standards are intended to preserve those portions and features of properties, which are significant to historic, architectural and cultural values but allow for alterations and repair, which make possible efficient contemporary use. They have been adopted by historic districts and planning commissions across the county and have been used as the basis for determining if rehabilitation projects qualify as Certified Rehabilitation of tax credit purposes.

The committee will function to review intended substantial repairs and alterations of designated properties to assist owners in following the preservation standards. Following the standards will heighten the appearance and appeal and increase the value of the property. The goals of the committee are consistent with the objective of the Mayor and Common Council to revitalize the downtown Monroe area to attract visitors and customers. As a property owner affected by the designated district, we urge you to become familiar with the guidelines and the work of the committee. We hope that you will assist the committee by calling on other property owners to do the same.

David C. Riese, M. D., a downtown property owner, is chairman of the committee. He will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Further, a public hearing will be scheduled at which time the general public will have input.

Sincerely,
Monroe's Historic Preservation Commission.