

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What does it mean to be on the local listing?

It means your property will be listed on the City of Ashland's Register of Historic Structures, in recognition that your building is contributing to preservation of the city's cultural heritage

## When do I need to appear before the Historic Preservation Commission?

Whenever a permit is required for external renovation work.

## Can I paint any color?

You can paint the exterior of your structure any color that is listed in a Historic Color Collection.

Fanciful roofs, turrets, decorative trim and shingles all add to the complexity of historic styles



## What would be the advantages to listing my property?

- To preserve the visual and aesthetic charm of your property's historic architecture for your lifetime and for generations to come.
- To preserve and enhance your property's value
- To contribute to the revitalization of your neighborhood through historically sensitive improvements to your property.
- To enjoy the appreciation of a grateful community for your commitment to preserving its architectural heritage
- State and federally listed properties may qualify for renovation tax credits.

## Is there any public notification that my property is listed?

Your property's historic status will be registered in the Ashland County Register of Deeds office.

## What standards are used for compliance?

The Secretary of the Interior, National

Register of Historic Places' standards for the exterior of your historic property.



## Does this include interior remodeling?

No

## What are disadvantages to listing my property?

There are very few disadvantages. An owner of a listed property will need to comply with Ashland's Historic Preservation Ordinance. This is

not difficult. Improvements to your property costing an amount requiring you to obtain a building permit from the city will be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission to insure that the improvements are in compliance with the historic preservation ordinance guidelines.

## Can I add on to my structure?

Yes, providing you complement the existing historic structure.