

# City of Long Beach Historic District & Historic Landmark Requirements



Owners of designated landmark buildings or properties located within a historic district enjoy several benefits, including:

- Greater architectural integrity and improved property value
- Flexible building codes for historic buildings

## Historic designation is maintained through a permitting process.

Any exterior changes to a historic landmark or property located within a historic district **must** be approved through a **Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)** before starting any work, even if a building permit is not required. Common projects requiring a COA include: changes to windows and/or doors, building repairs and additions, paint, re-roofing, and solar panel installations.

Work done without a COA may result in fines and other penalties, as specified in the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC).

For more information, contact the Development Services Department's Historic Preservation staff at 562.570.6194 or [HistoricPreservation@longbeach.gov](mailto:HistoricPreservation@longbeach.gov) or visit: [longbeach.gov/historicpreservation](http://longbeach.gov/historicpreservation).

To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Development Services Department at [longbeach.gov/lbds](http://longbeach.gov/lbds) and 562.570.3807. A minimum of three business days is requested to ensure availability; attempts will be made to accommodate requests with shorter notice.