

## Adding a new section, 607.00 Historic Structures Overlay

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#### A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Section is:
  - a. To safeguard the heritage of Mantua Twp. by preserving sites and structures which reflect elements of the community's cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history, and
  - b. To protect and improve the attractiveness of the community as a place to live, visit, and do business.
2. The intent of this Section is:
  - a. To allow additional means for economic support for rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, and maintenance of historic properties by allowing specific additional uses of the property.
  - b. To allow uses of historical properties that will complement and support the character of the historical property.
  - c. To allow additional uses of historic properties where such uses will not have an adverse impact on surrounding properties.

#### B. HISTORIC PROPERTY QUALIFICATIONS

1. Owners of said property shall demonstrate that their property:
  - a. Is formally recognized by a appropriate local, State, or Federal agency as historically significant. Example: Being on the National Register of Historic Places.
  - b. Substantially meets at least one of the criteria and related standard under each of the following headings:

- i. Historical Significance
- ii. Architectural Significance
- iii. Influence on Immediate Surroundings

2. The specific standards and criteria for each heading are as follows:

a. Historic Significance

- i. Association with an important person. Standard: A person who was significant in national, state, or local history owned the property, was related to the owner, stayed at the property, or accomplished something significant at the property
- ii. Association with an important event.
- iii. Rarity. Standard: The structure is one of the last of its kind in the township or local area.
- iv. Archaeological significance. Standard: The site has yielded, or it is likely to yield information important to prehistoric or historical understanding.
- v. Age of structure: Standard: The structure is at least 50 years old, and is listed on the "Ohio Historic Inventory." Mantua Township is also assembling a list of historic structures for its own reference, at no charge to the public.

b. Architectural Significance

- i. Association with an architectural period or style. Standard: The structure has design elements which reflect a particular architectural period or style, or which reflect a unique mix of periods or styles.
- ii. Association with a notable architect or builder. Standard: The structure was designed by an architect of national or regional note, or by one of the more important students or apprentice of this architect.

- iii. Association with important building or structural techniques. Standard: The design of the structure employs a building or structural technique which is no longer used.
- iv. Richness of architectural detail. Standard: Distinctive details, such as stained glass, tile roof, ornamentation, stonework, landscaping, ornamental woodwork (exterior or interior), or similar details, characterize the structure.

c. Influence On Immediate Surroundings

- i. Role of structure in surrounding environment. Standard: The structure stands out in a complementary way either because of its size or pivotal location, or the structure blends in as a part of a cluster of similar or compatible buildings.
- ii. Degree to which original design has been modified or other changes. Standard: The structure has never been modified or modifications which have been made do not significantly alter the original design of the structure.

C. USES

See underlying Zoning District criteria for allowable uses.

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