



City of Augusta Historic Preservation Commission

Demolition Delay Process for Buildings Over 50 Years Old

- Wrecking and Demolition Permit Application submitted.
- Application forwarded to Consultant for data collection regarding history of property, year building built, owners, historical significance of building owners, type of building construction, existing historical designations and any other relevant information.
- Augusta Historic Preservation Commission Meeting (within 15 business days of application submission)
 - Commission reviews building data and has a discussion with the applicant.
 - Commission determines whether the building is "Potentially Significant" based on 5 Criteria listed in Section 134-5.G.
 - (1) The building is listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places, or is partially or completely within the boundaries of an area so listed.
 - (2) The building has been determined by the State Historic Preservation Office and/or the National Park Service to be eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places.
 - (3) The building is on a list of historic buildings adopted by the City Council.
 - (4) The building has documented associations, to the satisfaction of the Historic Preservation Commission, with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City, the state or the nation.
 - (5) The building has documented historical or architectural importance in terms of period, style, method of construction, specific use, or association with a recognized builder or architect, either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings.
 - Commission offers alternatives to demolition (See Resources Below).
 - Property Owner is Notified whether the
 - Building is "Potentially Significant" - A Public Hearing is scheduled within 30 days of Application submission, OR
 - Building is "NOT Potentially Significant" - Wrecking and Demolition Permit can be issued.
- Augusta Historic Preservation Commission Public Hearing (within 30 business days of application submission)
 - Public meeting notice posted in newspaper and mailed to abutting property owners.
 - Commission reviews any new building data and has a discussion with the applicant.
 - Commission determines whether the building is "Significant" based on 5 Criteria.
 - Property Owner is Notified whether the
 - Building is "Significant" and will move into the 90 (Calendar) Day Demolition Delay Period from date of Application, OR
 - Building is "NOT Significant" - Wrecking and Demolition Permit can be issued.

Resources

Maine State Historic Preservation Commission. Contact: Christi Mitchell, Historic Preservationist, National Register of Historic Places program, (207) 287-1453 or Christi.Mitchell@maine.gov

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