

Historic District Tax Incentive Program

For properties located within the Canal Place Preservation District a tax credit equal to 100% of the additional assessed value of the property due to rehabilitation shall be awarded for up to 10 years. This equates to a tax assessment freeze for up to 10 years on the additional value of the property.

In addition, if a property is determined to have historic or architectural value within the district, an additional tax credit may be claimed in an amount equal to 10% of the taxpayer's qualified rehabilitation expenditures for the rehabilitation.

Forms are available by contacting the Commission Staff or by visiting the City of Cumberland's website at www.ci.cumberland.md.us. The credits, upon approval, will be awarded following the completion of your project. Other incentive programs might also apply to your project. City staff can discuss your project with you in order to direct you to other funding opportunities.



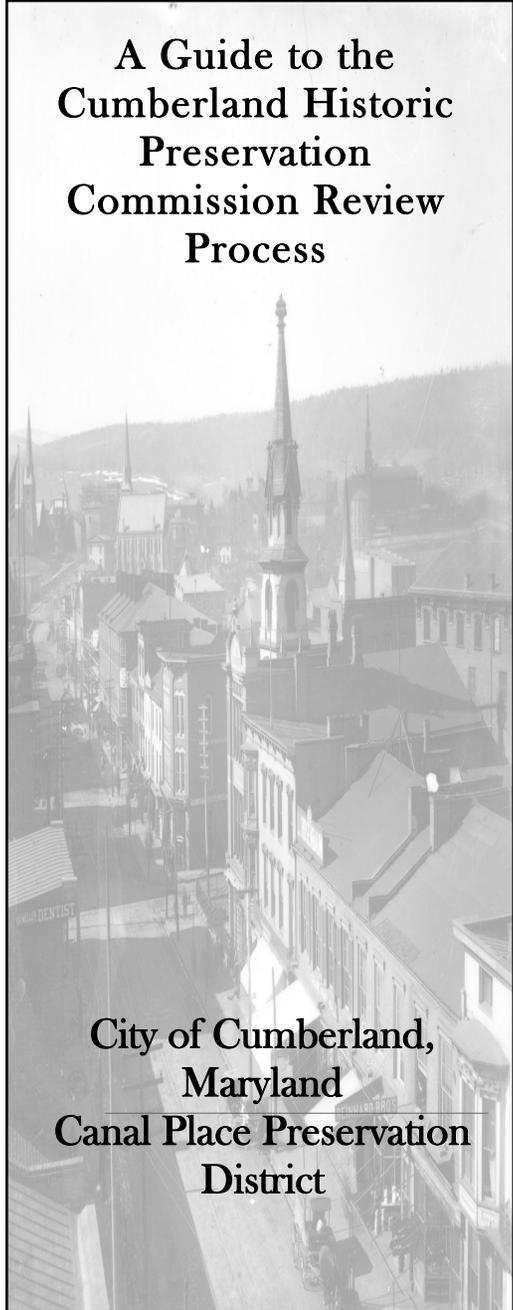
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A Guide to the Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission Review Process



City of Cumberland,
Maryland
Canal Place Preservation
District

A Guide to the Process

The Role of the Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission, as appointed by the Mayor and City



Council, acts to review Certificate of

Appropriateness Applications for work within the City's Preservation District. Permits will be issued for those projects that have been determined by the Commission as meeting the intent of the Preservation District Design and Preservation Guidelines. The Commission and its staff also serve to provide technical guidance to property owners with questions regarding design and maintenance issues, as well as direction in seeking financial assistance for rehabilitation projects.

A copy of the [Preservation District Design and Preservation Guidelines for Cumberland, MD](#) can be found on the City of Cumberland website at www.ci.cumberland.md.us under the Historic Preservation subsection of Community Development.

Meetings and Application Process

The Historic Preservation Commission meets the **second Wednesday of each month** in the City Hall Council Chambers (second floor). The meetings are public sessions open to all members of the public, although persons wishing to have their project reviewed must apply ahead of time to the Commission staff, located in City Hall, in order to be scheduled in advance for the agenda. All applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness must be received by the Department of Community Development no later than the close of business on the first Wednesday of each month in order to be placed on that month's meeting agenda.

All applicants will be required to have applied for all other relevant building permits, including an Occupancy Permit.



The decisions rendered by the Historic Preservation Commission do not supersede any requirements set forth by the Zoning Ordinance, fire,

health, or safety regulations.

When is a Review Needed?

All exterior changes to a structure, above general maintenance projects, must be reviewed prior to the commencement of any work. The exception to the general maintenance rule is that painting must be approved. These work items include, but are not limited to, additions, alterations, awnings, entrances and doors, painting, porches, fences, siding, signage, window replacement, demolition, and new construction.



What Information Needs to be Provided for the Review?

- ◆ Written Scope of Work
- ◆ Photographs of the Site and Structure
- ◆ Façade Elevations
- ◆ Samples of Proposed Materials
- ◆ Scaled Drawings
- ◆ Digital Renderings, When Available
- ◆ Color Scheme/Paint Chips
- ◆ Manufacturers Cut-Sheets or Product Specifications

All permit applications must be submitted to the Department of Community Development and materials relevant to these permits will be attached to the COA Application.

One original and 11 copies of all supplementary materials should be provided with the COA Application.

A \$30.00 filing fee is required at the time of application for all Certificates of Appropriateness.