



# CITY OF OAKLAND DESIGNATED LANDMARKS DESIGN REVIEW CRITERIA

*Design Review is intended to ensure high quality attractive designs that will compliment and benefit the surrounding neighborhood and city as a whole. Design Review is primarily focused on site planning and the exterior appearance of structures. This can include things such as architectural style; design quality; building materials; building mass and bulk; façade articulation; landscaping; preservation of sunlight, views, and privacy; screening of parking and loading areas; and other design related issues. Design Review approval can only be granted if all of the following Design Review findings can be made.*

*Landmark designation is specifically intended to preserve and enhance structures and other physical features, sites, and areas that are reminders of past eras, events, and persons important in local, state, or national history, or which provide significant examples of architectural styles of the past or are landmarks in the history of architecture, or which are unique and irreplaceable assets to the city and its neighborhoods, or which provide for this and future generations examples of the physical surroundings in which past generations lived.*

**Please indicate the way in which the proposal meets the following required criteria. Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

1. The proposal will not adversely affect the exterior features of the designated landmark nor, when subject to control as specified in the designating ordinance for a publicly owned landmark, its major interior architectural features:

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2. The proposal will not adversely affect the special character, interest, or value of the landmark and its site, as viewed both in themselves and in their setting:

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3. If the proposal does not conform to criteria 1 and 2:

- a. The designated landmark or portion thereof is in such condition that it is not architecturally feasible to preserve or restore it.

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- b. Considering the economic feasibility of alternatives to the proposal, and balancing the interest of the public in protecting the designated landmark or portion thereof, and the interest of the owner of the landmark site in the utilization thereof, approval is required by considerations of equity:

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