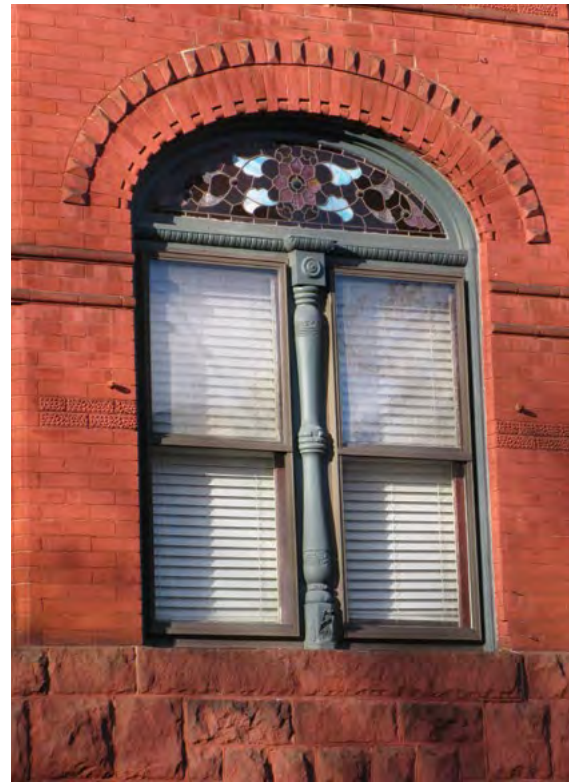




Secretary of the Interior's Standards



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www.cityofredlands.org/post/historic-preservation

The City of Redlands follows the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, when appropriate and applicable to a project. This brochure provides an overview of the Standards.



Secretary of the Interior's Standards

To assist local and state governments across the nation with the implementation of their historic preservation programs, the National Park Service (part of the U.S. Department of the Interior) has published a document called the ***Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings*** (commonly referred to as "the Standards" or "SOI Standards").

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, the Secretary of the Interior is responsible for establishing professional standards and for providing guidance on the preservation of the nation's historic properties. The Standards are intended to be applied to a wide variety of resource types, including buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts. The Standards address four treatments: **preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction.**

The *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* are regulatory only for federally-assisted projects (such as projects receiving Historic Preservation Fund grant assistance). Otherwise, the Guidelines are intended to provide general guidance for work on any historic building.

Updated in 2017

The Standards were codified in the Federal Register in 1995, the same year that they were published with guidelines as *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings*. These Standards and Guidelines provide a critical part of the framework of the national preservation program. They are widely used at the federal, state, and local levels to guide work on historic buildings, and they also have been adopted by Certified Local Governments ("CLG") and historic preservation commissions across the nation.

The Standards were updated and published in 2017. The updated Guidelines have the same organization as the prior version, beginning with an introduction and a historical overview, followed by chapters that focus on each of the four treatments: preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction. Not only has the information on historic materials, systems, features, and special issues that comprised the previous edition been more fully developed, but new entries have been added on glass, paint and other coatings, composite materials, imitative materials, and curtain walls.

In each of the four chapters, the "Recommended" and "Not Recommended" treatments have been updated and revised throughout to ensure that they continue to promote the best practices in preservation.

Highlights & Benefits

Highlights:

- Provides a consistent framework for preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction of historic properties
 - Prepared by experts in historic preservation
 - Used widely by federal, state, and local agencies and Historic Commissions
 - Provides guidelines with which to prepare local, more specific historic preservation guidelines that are unique to the individual city or community
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Benefits:

- The Standards provide specific direction and suggestions for applicants proposing preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, or reconstruction work
 - Use of the Standards helps to prevent damaging or destroying the resource
 - Use of the Standards provides a consistent framework with which local decision-makers and commissions can evaluate permit applications
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Links:

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/secretary-standards-treatment-historic-properties.htm>