

# Building in a Historic Preservation District

The City of Portsmouth has two historical preservation districts; the Boneyfiddle Preservation District (yellow) and the Second Street National Register District (green).



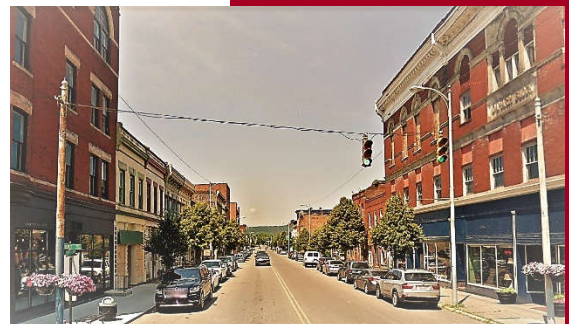
Legislation was created to establish these historical districts in order to protect and enhance the distinctive character of these districts. In order to maintain the unique character of the districts, a Design Review Board was created and consist of five members appointed by the President of City Council.

*Any owner or user of a property within a preservation district or the owner or user of an otherwise listed property desires to make any environmental change, including the construction, reconstruction, demolition or alteration of a property or object or the erection of a sign, they shall first obtain a certificate of appropriateness from the Design Review Board.*

*Portsmouth City Ordinance 1317.09*

An owner or user of a property simply applies to the Design Review Board explaining exactly what they wish to do to their property, this includes things like paint color, roof color, fence material, landscaping, building façade, awnings and doors. If the options meet the criteria of the Board, the owner is issued a Certificate of Appropriateness and is permitted to apply for a building permit or begin construction if a permit is not needed.

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## MORE INFORMATION

### OTHER DESIGNATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

- 301 Chillicothe Street
- 307 Chillicothe Street
- 428 Chillicothe Street
- 607 Chillicothe Street

**These specific buildings will also require a Certificate of Appropriateness**

You can view the adopted Design Guidelines at the link below:

<https://portsmouthohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Historic-District-Design-Guidelines.pdf>