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# Historic Architectural Design Guidelines



The City of Redlands has adopted its own *Historic Architectural Design Guidelines* document that provides guidance specific to the unique properties and setting of Redlands. This brochure provides an overview of the guidelines.

## Historic & Scenic Preservation Design Manual

The City of Redlands adopted its first historic preservation design manual in January 1986, in recognition of the rich cultural and historical heritage of the community's built environment. The guidelines set forth criteria that are utilized for evaluating projects located in designated historic or scenic districts as well as changes to the exterior of individual historic properties and landmarks.

The Introduction chapter states, "The audience for this Manual includes owners of historic resources, architects, contractors, planners, investors, bankers, developers, real estate brokers, tax consultants, City officials and interested citizens. The Design and Resource Manual will help in making decisions on the conservation and enhancement of existing buildings in older styles, and the character, style, and scale of new buildings to be added in Historic Districts."

Guidelines are provided for several different architectural theme types that are frequently found in Redlands, including: Victorian, Queen Anne, Craftsman, Bungalow, Mission, Mediterranean, Spanish Colonial Revival, Classic Box, Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, Period Revival, and others.

## Historic Architectural Design Guidelines

The City of Redlands is a Certified Local Government ("CLG") and received a grant from the State Office of Historic Preservation to prepare an update to the 1986 Historic Preservation Design Manual. The City selected Architectural Resources Group (the same firm that prepared the city's Historic Context Statement in 2017) to prepare the updated design guidelines. The City has worked with numerous City residents, property owners, and local non-profit historical groups during the preparation of the draft *Historic Architectural Design Guidelines*.

The Guidelines are organized into nine chapters:

1. Introduction
2. Guidelines for the Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Restoration of Historic Resources
3. Guidelines for the Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Restoration of Historic Exterior Building Materials
4. Guidelines for Accessibility, Systems, and Sustainability
5. Guidelines for New Additions
6. Guidelines for Character Categories
7. Guidelines for Historic Districts
8. Guidelines for New Buildings and Non-Contributing Buildings in Historic Districts
9. Guidelines for Site and Landscape Design

The draft *Historic Architectural Design Guidelines* document has not yet been formally adopted, but is anticipated to be adopted in the near future.

## Highlights & Benefits

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### Highlights:

- Provides a consistent framework for preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction of historic properties
  - Prepared by historic architects and experts in historic preservation
  - Prepared specifically to address the unique historic properties, districts, and neighborhoods in Redlands
  - Helps to assure the use of appropriate architectural treatments and materials for historic resources
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### Benefits:

- The city's Guidelines provide specific direction and suggestions for applicants proposing preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, or reconstruction work
- Use of the Guidelines helps to prevent damaging or destroying the resource
- Use of the Guidelines provides a consistent framework with which City staff and the City's Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission can evaluate permit applications