

Walla Walla Register of Historic Places Application Process

- 1. Is the building greater than 50 years old? Yes/No**
- 2. Does it have integrity? Yes/No**
 - a. Not sure what integrity is? Read the "[National Register Bulletin: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation](#)"
- 3. Does it meet one or more of the following? Yes/No**
 - a. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state, or local history.
 - b. Embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style, or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
 - c. Is an outstanding work of a designer, builder, or architect who has made a substantial contribution to the art.
 - d. Exemplifies or reflects special elements of the city's cultural, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, or architectural history.
 - e. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state, or local history.
 - f. Has yielded or may be likely to yield important archaeological information related to history or prehistory.
 - g. Is a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the only surviving structure significantly associated with an historic person or event.
 - h. Is a birthplace or grave of an historical figure of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person.
 - i. Is a cemetery which derives its primary significance from age, distinctive design features, association with historic events, or cultural patterns.
 - j. Is a reconstructed building that has been executed in an historically accurate manner on the original site.
 - k. Is a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural or design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.
- 4. How can you prove it?**
 - a. Conduct historical research at the Whitman Archives, or contact [Walla Walla 2020](#) for assistance with your research. Document your findings (make copies, take detailed notes with references, collect photographs, etc). [Bygone Walla Walla](#) can be a good reference for historical photographs. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has [additional guidance for ways to research your historic property](#).

Yes to all of the above? You can [apply now](#) for City of Walla Walla Local Register of Historic Places!

*Properties on the Local Register of Historic Places must request a Certificate of Appropriateness before making changes to character defining features of the property. CoA are reviewed by staff and the Historic Preservation Commission as defined in [WWMC 2.27.060](#).

*If planning to submit for Special Property Tax Valuation, a CoA is required before work begins. In order to be eligible for SPV, [qualified project costs](#) must be greater than 25% of the assessed value of the improvements (building only, not land value). Projects applying for Special Valuation must include photos, clear documentation of expenses, and explanation of how the project meets the requirements of [WWMC 2.27.070](#).