



THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

A nationally recognized historic district is one that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is our country's official list of historic places worthy of preservation. It includes individual buildings, structures, sites and objects as well as historic districts that are historically, architecturally or archaeologically significant.

National Register listing recognizes the significance of properties and districts. By doing so, it identifies significant historic resources in a community. Boundaries of districts are tightly drawn to encompass only concentrated areas of historic buildings. Information compiled to nominate a historic district can be used in a variety of planning and development activities. A listing also makes available specific preservation incentives and provides a limited degree of protection from the effects of federally funded, licensed, or permitted activities.

The National Register is maintained by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Districts and other properties are listed in the register through a 17-step process that involves identification, documentation and evaluation. Historic districts most commonly encompass central business districts, residential neighborhoods, industrial areas, rural areas and occasionally entire communities.

***"A National Register district identifies;
A local district protects"***

CITY OF LAS VEGAS HISTORIC PROPERTY REGISTER

A property or district listed on The City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register is designated by local ordinance and falls under the jurisdiction of the Historic Preservation Commission. A local historic district is generally "overlaid" on existing zoning classifications in a community; therefore, the commission deals only with the appearance of the district, not with the uses to which properties in the district are put (*uses are determined through the zoning and land-use process*).

A local historic property or district is a geographically definable area or building, urban or rural, which contains structure(s), site(s), and/or work(s) of art, which have special historical or aesthetic interest or value; represent one or more periods or styles of architecture typical of one or more eras in the history of the municipality, county, state or region; and cause that area to constitute a visibly perceptible section of the community.

The designation of a local district protects the significant properties and historic character of the district. It provides communities with the means to make sure that growth, development and change take place in ways that respect important architectural, historical and environmental characteristics. Local designation encourages sensitive development in the district and discourages unsympathetic changes from occurring. This happens through a process called design review, whereby the commission approves major changes that are planned for the district or does not approve (*with suggestions for improvement*). The commission makes these decisions based on a certificate of appropriateness application that must be completed and submitted by the property owner.

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