

Preserve Historic McKinney – Home Recognition Program

Program Overview

Beginning in 2008, the City of McKinney Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB) established the **Preserve Historic McKinney – Home Recognition Program** to recognize property owners who have revitalized our historic residential community by making significant exterior improvements to their individual properties.

Fourteen residential properties are recognized annually in a calendar published by the HPAB. The calendar features a “House of the Month” for 14 months.

The **Preserve Historic McKinney – Home Recognition Program** complements the work of the City’s Historic Preservation Officer and Code Enforcement Officers. This program is not a grant or funding program. It recognizes the efforts of individual property owners and seeks to encourage future individual reinvestment in the historic residential community.

The City already administers two economic incentive programs to encourage the appropriate preservation, restoration, and revitalization of historic homes in the community.

What is Revitalization?

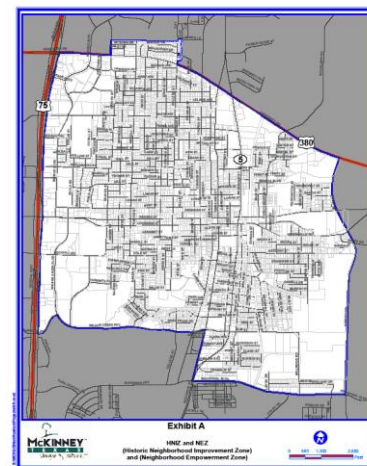
The American Heritage College Dictionary defines revitalization as “imparting new life or vigor.” When applied to the built environment of our historic residential community, revitalization should take a number of forms:

- Dramatic improvements to properties or structures that halt or reverse decline;
- Ongoing maintenance and/or refurbishment of structures and properties that sustains the existing form, integrity, and material of a building and prevents decline before it is allowed to begin;
- Infill development—high quality new development, on a vacant parcel, that is appropriately designed to blend seamlessly into the fabric and character of an existing neighborhood.

Eligibility

Only residential properties located in the Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone are eligible for consideration. Existing structures as well as new infill structures are eligible.

Map indicating HNIZ Boundaries



Submitting Nominations

We are asking for your assistance to identify properties that may be candidates for the Home Recognition Program. Nominations may be submitted by anyone, including the property owner.

Nominations must be submitted between November 1 and January 31. Nominations received after January 31 will be held for future consideration.

You may submit a nomination via the City of McKinney website, by phone, fax, e-mail, regular mail, or in person. To request additional information or to submit a nomination, please contact Guy Giersch at:

Mailing Address:

**Guy Giersch
Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 517
McKinney, TX 75070**

Physical Address:

**221 North Tennessee Street
McKinney, TX 75069**

Email: ggiersch@mckinneytexas.org

Phone # 972-547-7416

Criteria for Evaluation

Nominations are evaluated primarily by assessing the property's perceived impact on the surrounding area and how closely the property embraces the Mission Statement of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board, which is:

“To maintain McKinney’s diverse architectural legacy, enrich the cultural identity of the community, and strengthen economic value through preservation and education for our present and future generations.”

Nominated properties should typically incorporate the following elements:

- Building improvements
- Landscaping enhancements
- A consistently high level of general maintenance

The following questions should assist in evaluating potential nominees:

1. Does the house enhance the district by preserving the historical elements such as windows, doors, chimneys, porches, and siding?
2. Does the house foster civic pride?
3. Is the house generally well maintained? As an example, are the windows restored and is the paint well maintained?
4. Have the improvements had a positive impact on the surrounding area?

5. Have the improvements contributed to the stability or enhancement of the surrounding area?
6. Are the new materials blended well with the historic materials?
7. If the building is historic, has the building been restored/rehabilitated to maintain the original appearance?
8. Does the property promote economic prosperity and welfare as well as enhance the City of McKinney's attractiveness to visitors to the community?
9. Does the property have a harmonious mix of trees, shrubs, and ground cover?
10. Does the landscaping compliment/enhance the building (i.e. massing, color, texture, and balance)?

Recognition Jury

The Historic Preservation Officer shall collect and compile award nominations between November 1, 2009 and January 31, 2010. In March 2010, nominations shall be forwarded to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board, which will review the nominations and select which properties will be recognized.

Nominations for Recognition Program

To Create a Nomination, Please Provide the Following and Submit the Nomination to:

Mailing Address:

**Guy Giersch
Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 517
McKinney, TX 75070**

Physical Address:

**221 North Tennessee Street
McKinney, TX 75069**

Email: ggiersch@mckinneytexas.org

1. Address of Nominated Property:

2. Why are you nominating this structure? (Please use additional sheets if necessary.)

5. Name, Address and Phone number of Nominator (not required):

☐ I have included before and after photos with this application.

☐ I would like to have my photos returned to:
Name and address:
