

Draft Definition of "Historic" for Proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance

A property may be considered by the City of Monte Vista for historic designation under the following criteria:

1. The structure is at least 50 years old,
2. The structure has importance to the city in terms of architectural, cultural, social/political or geographic elements, and/or
3. The structure is listed upon the state of Colorado and/or national historical registry.

Properties that are historically designated by the City of Monte Vista shall fall within one of two tiers, defined as the following:

1. Tier I: Structures residing within the City's historic overlay district and/or any structure already listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Colorado State Registers of Historic Properties.
2. Tier II: Structures meeting one (1) or more criteria for historic designation that are outside the City's historic overlay district.

The City's historic overlay district consists of the area bounded by the railroad tracks on the northeast, Third Avenue on the south, and Broadway Avenue on the west.

Public Comment Welcome

The proposed historic preservation ordinance is being prepared by the Overlay District Advisory Committee, appointed by the Monte Vista Planning and Zoning Commission. The Committee welcomes public comment regarding the ordinance. If you have comment regarding the above draft definition or any other topic of historic preservation, please contact the city Community Development Director Alisha Reis at alishaj@ci.monte-vista.co.us or (719) 852-2692. Any comments received will be passed on to the Committee for consideration in drafting the ordinance.