



CITY OF TAUNTON

MASSACHUSETTS

Historic District Commission

CITY HALL
15 SUMMER STREET
TAUNTON, MA 02780

Historic District

The Taunton Historic District was enacted by the City of Taunton to preserve the historic structures and thereby maintain the values of the properties within the District. All of the land and the buildings within the District benefit from the Ordinance.

Location

The location of the district, includes all of Church Green, Chestnut Street, Vine Street, and portions of Arlington St., Elm St., Dean St., Prospect St., Summer St., Main St., Leonard Ct., and Spring St. Below is an unofficial list of the specific property addresses of the buildings/structures in the district. (See Notice below)

Arlington St	Dean St	Leonard Ct	Summer St
116	2	30	48
117	3		49
119	7		51
131	11	Main St	54
	24	80	56
Chestnut St	26	107-111	57
2	30		58
20	40		61
23	44	Prospect St	62
	50	1	65
Church Green	52	63	66
1	56		67
10	60		71-73
14	68	Spring St	77
24	Vacant Lot	21	78
31	80		80
37	88		86-88
48		Summer St	90
52		15	91
57		23	Neck of Land Cemetery
60	Elm St	33	
66	11	35	Vine St
72	19	40	2
79	22	42	4
First Parish Church		43	8
Robert Treat Paine Stature		44	9
Vietnam Memorial Fountain		45	10

Procedure for Obtaining Review and Approval of Proposed Alterations to Buildings and Structures in the Taunton Historic District

Before any construction, demolition, or removal of any "structures" or "architectural features" which are visible from a public way can be started, you must first obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission. Even if a building permit is not required for the proposed work the ordinance is still applicable. The ordinance defines "structures" and "architectural features".

"Structures" include: signs, walls, fences, terraces, steps, walkways, ramps, driveways, swimming pools, satellite dishes, etc.

"Architectural Features" include: the kind and type of exterior building materials (but not the color), the type and style of doors, windows, awnings, shutters, signs, light fixtures, porches, stairs, railings, roofs, chimneys, etc.

The Procedure will take approximately 1-2 months from the time a complete Application is accepted for review by the Commission.

1. Obtain and complete an application form (available from the Commission or the Building Department).
2. Contact the Commission to discuss your application and your proposed work. If in doubt as to whether the work requires a Certificate, contact the Historical District Commission Chairman. You will then be referred to the secretary for the commission for further information.
3. When the Commission accepts an Application for review, it determines whether a Public Hearing is necessary (which may lengthen the process by one month), or only the Notification of adjacent Property Owners, before making a final decision.
4. A final decision will be made by the Commission, approximately one month later. Notification of the Commission's decision will be sent to you, as well as to the City Clerk, and the Building Department.
5. After you have received a "Certificate of Appropriateness" you may obtain a Permit, if necessary, from the Building Department. All work should be done within one year of the date of Approval, otherwise a new application and review will be required.

NOTICE: The information contained in this summary including the list of the street addresses of the properties within the Historic District for the City of Taunton is intended for informational purposes only. The official rules and regulations and the municipal ordinance, as amended is the official document which may be reviewed at the office of the City Clerk. For the official boundaries/location of the Historic District please refer to the plan recorded in the Bristol County North District Registry of Deeds.

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Authorized Signature