

## CHAPTER 5

### Historic Preservation

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#### **SEC. 15-5-1 PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

It is hereby declared a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of improvements or sites of special character or special architectural or historic interest or value is a public necessity and is required in the interest of the health, prosperity, safety and welfare of the people. The purpose of this Section is to:

- (a) Effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement and preservation of such improvements, sites and districts which represent or reflect elements of the City of Galesville's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history.
- (b) Safeguard the City of Galesville's historic, prehistoric and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such historic structures, sites and districts.
- (c) Stabilize and improve property values, and enhance the visual and aesthetic character of the City of Galesville.
- (d) Protect and enhance the City of Galesville's attractions to residents, tourists and visitors, and serve as a support and stimulus to business and industry.

#### **SEC. 15-5-2 DEFINITIONS.**

The following definitions shall be applicable in this Chapter:

- (a) **Certificate of Appropriateness.** The certificate issued by the Plan Commission approving alteration, rehabilitation, construction, reconstruction or demolition of a historic structure, historic site or any improvement in a historic district.
- (b) **Commission.** The Plan Commission created by the Common Council.
- (c) **Historic District.** An area that contains two (2) or more historic improvements or sites.
- (d) **Historic Site.** Any parcel of land of historic significance due to a substantial value in tracing the history or prehistory of man, or upon which a historic event has occurred, and which has been designated as a historic site under this Chapter, or an improvement parcel, or part thereof, on which is situated a historic structure and any abutting improvement parcel, or part thereof, used as and constituting part of the premises on which the historic structure is situated.
- (e) **Historic Structure.** Any improvement which has a special character or special historic interest or value as part of the development heritage or cultural characteristics of the City

of Galesville, state, or nation and which has been designated as a historic structure pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.

- (f) **Improvement.** Any building, structure, place, work of art or other object constituting a physical betterment of real property, or any part of such betterment, including streets, alleys, sidewalks, curbs, lighting fixtures, signs and the like.