

Criteria for
Biloxi Landmark
Designation

The City of Biloxi adopted an ordinance establishing the Architectural and Historical Review Commission (AHRC) in 1985. The purpose of the commission is to protect the historical and architectural character of Biloxi. Six historic districts, 160 Biloxi Landmarks and 3 Biloxi Landmark Sites have been designated under this ordinance. Any changes within a district or to a Biloxi Landmark or Biloxi Landmark site are subject to review by the AHRC.

The Architectural and Historical Review Commission may recommend and the City Council may approve the designation of a landmark if the AHRC finds that the proposed landmark is an improved site or tract including a building or structure that fulfills one or more of the following:

1. It exemplifies or reflects the broad cultural, political, economic, or social history of the nation, state, county, or city; or
2. It is identified with historic personages or with important events in national, state or local history; or
3. It embodies distinguished characteristics of an architectural type, or is a specimen inherently valuable for the study of a period, style, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship; or
4. It is representative of the notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual ability has been recognized or who influenced his age.

The Architectural and Historical Review Commission may recommend and the City Council may approve the designation of a landmark site if the AHRC finds that the proposed landmark site is a parcel or tract that fulfills one or more of the following:

1. It exemplifies or reflects the broad cultural, political, economic or social history of the nation, state, county or city; or
2. It is identified with historic personages or with important events in national, state or local history; or
3. It embodies distinguished characteristics of an architectural type or is a specimen inherently valuable for the study of a period, style, method of construction or use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship; or
4. It has yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory.

Application for
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1. Name of person nominating the property: _____
2. Address of person nominating the property: _____
3. Phone number of person nominating the property: _____
4. Address of property being nominated as a Biloxi Landmark or Biloxi Landmark site: _____
5. Are you the owner of this property? Yes No
6. If no, please describe your relationship with this property: _____

7. Please include any historical information you can provide on the property, such as date of building construction, architect, former owners, former uses of property, or any other pertinent information: _____

8. Please attach current photographs of the property showing all elevations, architectural features such as windows, doors, porches and other details.
9. Please attach copies of any other information related to the history of the property you would like to provide, such as newspaper articles, deeds or historic photographs.

Please return this completed application to the City of Biloxi, P.O. Box 508, Biloxi, MS 39533. **Applications must be received by October 25, 2007 to be considered this year.**

If you have any questions regarding the Biloxi Landmark or Biloxi Landmark Site designation process, please contact Bill Raymond, Historical Administrator, at 228-435-6280.