



# CITY OF HASTINGS

## HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### CENTURY HOME PROGRAM

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### **PURPOSE:**

The Hastings Heritage Preservation Commission has established a Century Home Program to acknowledge residential structures of significant historical interest within the community. The intent of the program is to promote awareness and appreciation of Hastings's architectural heritage and to recognize homes that contribute to the historical integrity of the neighborhoods in which they are located. Qualifying homes may purchase a historic building plaque for display according to the following guidelines. The program is voluntary for interested property owners.

### **COST:**

The cost for the plaque is the casting charge by the foundry (currently \$100 in 2019 (subject to change)). This is a one-time fee that will cover the costs of the plaque itself. Installation and maintenance will be the responsibility of the property owner.

### **CRITERIA:**

1. Original structure should have been built for residential use (no combined uses with commercial or other types of uses). Multi-family structures, bed and breakfast establishments, and other properties are eligible as long as the building has retained its architectural integrity as a residential structure.
2. Building shall be documented to be 100 years old or older.
3. House must reflect its original architectural character.
4. Additions and alterations to the house are acceptable; however the original architectural character should not be compromised. Houses that have been re-sided with vinyl or other siding types are not automatically disqualified from recognition.
5. House shall not exhibit signs of deferred maintenance, which threatens the economic life of the structure.
6. House should demonstrate how to care for older homes.

7. A moved building may qualify as a site if the move was made to preserve the resource from demolition and if the moved building was not altered in a manner that is inconsistent with its historical integrity.
8. Other structures may be approved after review by the Hastings Heritage Preservation Commission.

### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

All selection criteria shall be met and findings to this effect will be made for every qualifying home. Applicants are asked to be patient as it may take a few months or more to accomplish the review of the application and production of the plaque.

### **RECOGNITION:**

1. All qualifying homes will be recognized with a 12" x 9" metal plaque for placement on the house.
2. Plaque should be placed on the front façade 3-6 feet above ground or at visible, eye level location near the front door.
3. Plaque shall be installed using black or brass screws.

**NOTE:** Program award is honorary only and does not qualify the home for local or national historical designation, nor does it provide financial assistance for maintenance of designated homes.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Application must be returned to the Heritage Preservation Commission staff. Research should include date of construction, first owner, architect and/or other pertinent information concerning the origin of the building. Photographs would be helpful.
2. Qualifying property owners are sent a letter advising them that they have been approved and payment for the plaque will be requested.

**HASTINGS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
CENTURY HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Address of Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Present Owner if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Building Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation to support building date (please attach).

Other interesting facts about the home:

Researcher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this application form to:

City of Hastings  
Justin Fortney, City Planner  
101 4<sup>th</sup> street  
Hastings, MN 55033

651-480-2381

[jfortney@hastingsmn.gov](mailto:jfortney@hastingsmn.gov) (Save and attach form)

## **LISTING OF RESOURCES TO RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION OF HISTORICAL HOME**

### **Legal Records:**

Dakota County  
Property Records Department  
1590 Highway 55  
Hastings, MN 55033  
(651) 565-3623

Property abstract, if you have one.

#### **Tip:**

You will need your legal description to look at the transfer of the property (grantor to grantee) in the County subdivision books. When the property starts being transferred as one lot rather than as a large tract of land, look up the associated deeds and determine when the sale price reflects a home and lot sale rather than a vacant lot sale.

Dakota County GIS (Geographic Information System) is a great starting point to view the legal address and County's record of construction date (not always accurate)  
<http://gis.co.dakota.mn.us/dcgis/> (or do a web search for Dakota County GIS)

### **City Offices:**

City of Hasting  
Pioneer Room open Wednesdays  
(May have historic property surveys, news articles, misc.)  
Or  
Justin Fortney, City Planner 651-480-2381  
(May have historical surveys and designation studies)

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