



The Ojai Arcade, Landmark No. 5

What is an Historic Landmark?

Landmark means a property or structure designated as a landmark by resolution of the City Council that is worthy of rehabilitation, restoration, and preservation because of its historic, architectural and/or cultural significance to the City.

What are the benefits?

Landmark status improves property values because of its importance and rarity in the real estate market. However, preservation standards must be followed in order to maintain the property's high historic integrity.

Landmark properties have the option to participate in a Mills Act Agreement for substantial tax savings if the owner agrees to maintain the historic integrity of the landmark structure. Other benefits and incentives may be available.

Most important, owners of landmark properties have the opportunity to serve as stewards of the city's historic, architectural, and cultural assets. Preservation of the city's heritage benefits current and future generations of Ojai residents.

Historic Landmark Ordinance

Cultural & Historic Preservation Law TITLE 4, Chapter 8

“The purpose of this chapter is to promote the economic and general welfare of the City by preserving and protecting City Council approved and designated landmarks, historic districts, structures of merit, and points of historical interest, as defined in this chapter, in consistency with the Conservation Element of the General Plan, be they of public or private ownership, and having a special historical, cultural, or aesthetic character or interest; all this in order to preserve the historic, architectural, cultural, and natural heritage of the City and to make the citizens of the City and visitors to the City mindful of this heritage.”

Submittal Requirements

The following information is required to process an Historic Landmark Designation application:

- Application signed by the property owner.
- Legal description of the property.
- Historic Resources Report prepared by a professional historian.
- Photographs of the interior & exterior of the historic structure(s) and property.

A Mills Act Agreement may be processed concurrently with a Historic Landmark application.

Review Process

The processing of an Historic Landmark Designation application requires review by the Historic Preservation Commission and final action by the City Council.

Pre-application: The applicant meets with staff to become familiar with the application requirements.

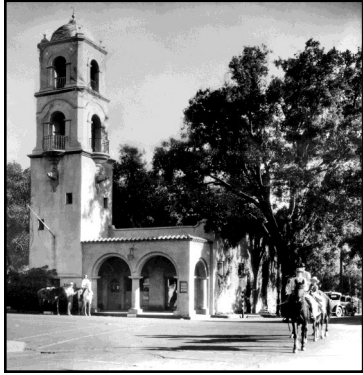
Submittal: The applicant submits a complete application package to the Planning Division of the Community Development Department.

Staff Review: Staff reviews the status of the property's historic designation and conducts a field inspection to verify condition of the property.

Historic Preservation Commission: Within ninety (90) days from receipt of a properly completed nomination form, the Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing to review the historic resources report and forward a recommendation to the City Council.

City Council: The City Council takes final action by adopting a resolution to designate the property as a Historic Landmark if the property meets the criteria for designation.

Plaque: Once the property is designated as an historic landmark, a bronze plaque is required to be placed on the landmark. The plaque is paid for by the applicant. The wording is developed by the Historic Preservation Commission with input from a local historian.



The Ojai Post Office Tower & Portico
Landmark No. 6

City of Ojai Historic Landmarks

- No 1 - Old Presbyterian Church
- No 2 - Ladd House
- No 3 - Woolsey House
- No 4 - Libbey House
- No 5 - Ojai Arcade
- No 6 - Ojai Post Office Tower & Portico
- No 7 - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
- No 8 - Ojai Valley Woman's Clubhouse
- No 9 - Neff Lounge - Ojai Valley Country Club
- No 10 - Nordhoff Cemetery
- No. 11 - Ojai Valley Tennis Tournament & Civic Courts
- No 12 - Ojai Jail
- No 13 - O.W. Robertson House
- No 14 - Nordhoff Grammar School
- No 15 - Arbolada Spec House "C"
- No 16 - Arbolada Spec House "A"
- No 17 - Gateway to Encina Vista
- No 18 - Libbey Gate House
- No 19 - Sespe Stone Wall
- No 20 - Arbolada Spec House "B"
- No 21 - Maravilla Company Office (Twice Sold Tales)
- No 22 - Aliso Street Adobe
- No 23 - Smith-Hobson House & Estate
- No. 24 - Nordhoff Grammar School
- No. 25 - Westways Estate

For More Information

If you have questions regarding the Historic Landmark Designation or would like additional information, contact the City of Ojai Community Development Department Monday - Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or drop by in person.

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Historic Landmark Designation for Property Owners



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