



DOWNTOWN HAMMOND

NOTIFICATION OF NEW OWNERSHIP

Properties in the Hammond Historic District (HHD) span 17 square blocks. Significant landmarks such as Central Rexall Drugs, Cate Square Park, the Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts, and your building are examples of local landmarks that the district hopes to preserve through design protections and educational resources.

The Downtown Development District (DDD) supports downtown Hammond through feedback from citizens and local businesses that develops economically-stimulating initiatives. The DDD includes most of the downtown Hammond area.

Open communication with property owners and lessees is key to success in the efforts of the HHD & DDD, so please fill out the lines below to let us know about property in these districts that you recently purchased or leased.

Email historicdistrict@hammond.org or drop off this form to the HHD office at 219 E. Robert Street.



NAME OF NEW BUSINESS: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

OWNER/LESSEE PHONE NUMBER: _____

OWNER/LESSEE EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Hammond Historic District



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Thank you for taking the time
to let us know you're in the
district!

We are excited to work with
you.

If you have any questions,
please contact us using the
information provided.

WELCOME

Your building is in the ***Hammond Historic District*** and/or the ***Downtown Development District!***

Across the nation, communities preserve a local identity through certain types of districting. Without district protections and support, landmarks, cultural elements, and, most importantly, memories could be lost forever.

The intention of the Hammond Historic District (HHD) is to maintain our local character and the Downtown Development District (DDD) promotes progress. The districts work together with guidelines and incentives to spur downtown Hammond's economic development.

Below are some features of downtown Hammond's main districts:

APPLICATION PROCESSES

Signage

Signage applications are often missed. The location of a sign on a property, materials used, age, method of display, accessibility, motion, ease of removal, and content may face limitations.

All signs require a "**Certificate of Appropriateness**" (COA) from the Hammond Historic District Commission (HHDC). This 7-member commission reviews all exterior changes based on historic district design guidelines.

For project planning assistance, signage design guidelines are available at: www.hammondhistoricdistrict.org/guidelines

Exterior Changes

It is essential that **ALL** other exterior changes have a COA. Building elements such as paint, roofs, windows, doors, trim, awnings, canopies, porches, balconies, galleries, garages, lighting, materials (i.e. masonry, wood, and metals). New construction must have approval from the HHDC.

PROJECT RESOURCES

Owning or leasing property within HHD boundaries affords you the opportunity to consult with the HHDC and HHD office. Both resources can offer expertise on architecture, design, and historical details of your property.

Are you in need of inspiration? The HHD office stores records of past and current building designs. By engaging the office early when planning for exterior changes, you can save yourself stress, time, and money by ensuring your proposed changes comply with district standards.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

Facade Grants

Renovations to your building front, including awnings and painting or lighting, can qualify for the **DDD's Facade Grant** program. The grant award is up to \$2,000 and must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the recipient. One application is allowed per fiscal year. Work must have HHD approval and be finished to apply. Signage does not qualify.

Revolving Loan

The DDD offers a low interest loan to property and business owners for up to \$75,000. Applicants must be a registered sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation established for doing business in the DDD to qualify.

Eligible projects include: acquisition of land for industrial or commercial use; acquisition of improved properties with development potential for industrial or commercial use, limited to owner or tenant occupancy; start-up and/or expansion of businesses in the DDD; and rehabilitation and renovation of usable vacant buildings for specific industrial or commercial use in the DDD.

PRESERVATION EDUCATION

Restoration workshops and history lectures are available throughout the year and can serve as great introductions to preservation best practices. Through attendance at these events and the monthly HHDC meetings, Hammond neighbors have the opportunity to learn about the history of their town through an architectural lens. Keep up to date with the HHD calendar at www.hammondhistoricdistrict.org/meetings.