

How to Establish a Historic District in Arkansas

Mayor appoints Historic District Commission (must meet guidelines laid out in enabling legislation)

HDC investigates & reports on historic significance of district (buildings, structures, sites, surroundings etc.)
HDC writes report on findings & provides copies to AHPP, planning commission & city government

THIS STEP INCLUDES SURVEYING THE DISTRICT FOR NR ELIGIBILITY, WRITING NOMINATION & GETTING IT LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES — usually done by a Preservation Consultant, often through a CLG grant

Each body has 60 days to give the HDC recommendations
Failure to make recommendations is taken as approval

Public hearing is held
Notice must be given in newspaper of general circulation once a week for 3 consecutive weeks. The first ad must be at least 20 days prior to hearing. — The ad, of course, must include purpose, time and boundaries.

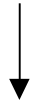
NOTE: To gain CLG status the district must either overlay the National Register District or be approved by petition, by a majority (51% +) of property owners

Final report submitted by HDC with its recommendations & draft of proposed ordinance to governing body within 60 days of hearing. Report must include: description of HD; map w/ exact boundaries; proposed ordinance; other matters deemed necessary & advisable .

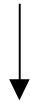
Governing body reviews report & acts



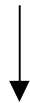
They can either:



a) Accept the report of the commission & enact an ordinance to carry out the provisions of the district & the enabling legislation



b) Return the report to the commission, with such amendments and revisions thereto as it may seem advisable, for consideration by the commission & a further report to the governing body of the municipality within 90 days



c) Reject the report of the commission, stating its reasons therefor and discharge the commission