

CHECKLIST FOR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This checklist is designed as a companion to the Demolition Review Bylaw. It is formed in reference to the criteria for evaluation of structures considered for admission to the National Register of Historic Places, as outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR 60.4). The intent of this document is to help property owners and residents better understand how the Historical Commission will evaluate whether a building may be considered historically significant under the Demolition Review Bylaw. A building may be found significant if it contributes to Carlisle's unique history, character, or architectural heritage. Use the questions below as a guide—if a building or structure meets one or more of these criteria, a review period of up to 12 months may be enacted before demolition can proceed. This process provides time for the property owner, the Commission, and the community to explore preservation options or alternatives to demolition intended to help preserve Carlisle's unique character.

1. Age & Timeframe

- Was the building or structure built before **1970**?
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2. Association with Historical Events

- Did a recognized or important local, state, or national event take place here?
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3. Association with Significant Persons

- Is the building or structure closely linked (e.g. inhabited, built by, designed by, worked in) to a recognized significant figure in history (e.g., political, cultural, scientific)?
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4. Architectural Significance

- Does the building or structure **embody distinctive characteristics** of a type, period, or method of construction?
 - Does it **represent the work of a** renowned architect, builder, or artisan?
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5. Integrity (Retention of Historic Features)

Does the property retain its original :

- **Location** (not moved from its original site)?
 - **Design** (layout, form, style)?
 - **Setting** (surroundings that reflect its historical period)?
 - **Materials** (original or period-correct)?
 - **Workmanship** (craftsmanship from the period)?
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6. Context & Surroundings

- Is the property **compatible in scale, style, and setting**; contributing to a grouping of surrounding historic structures?
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