



740 Front Street

In 2008, Louisville voters, concerned about the loss of character of Old Town Louisville, approved what may be the nation's first sales tax dedicated to

historic preservation. The Fund is now available to help property owners rehabilitate and preserve those resources which contribute to the character of Historic Old Town Louisville.

## WHAT TYPES OF HELP ARE AVAILABLE & WHO QUALIFIES FOR ASSISTANCE

A variety of types of incentives are available including low-interest loans, grants and rebates of City taxes and fees.

Any property owner within Historic Old Town Louisville is eligible to apply for assistance for restoration or rehabilitation of re-

sources which are historic or add to the character of Old Town. This can be as simple as a homeowner who wishes to restore a porch or other architectural feature on a historic house to a commercial property owner wishing to rehabilitate a structure on Main Street.



823 Garfield Avenue

## WHAT AM I REQUIRED TO DO?



1145 Main Street

Participation with the Historic Preservation Fund is entirely voluntary on your part. If you choose to apply, you will need to complete an application and provide any clarification as needed, and may need to appear to discuss the application with the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). If the HPC and City Council approve your application, you are

required to submit an application to landmark your property, and if it is not eligible for landmarking, to enter into a preservation easement agreement with the City. The purpose of landmarking and preservation easements is to ensure that the character of your structure which you are preserving is available for future generations to appreciate.

## ARE ONLY OLD STRUCTURES ELIGIBLE FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND?

No, in some cases new construction or additions may be eligible, as long as they add to the character of Old Town. For additional information regarding new construction incentives, please contact the Planning Department

at 303.335.4592 or [planning@Louisvilleco.gov](mailto:planning@Louisvilleco.gov).



834 Parkview Street

## ARE OTHER TYPES OF INCENTIVES AVAILABLE?

Yes, the City offers preservation incentives that allow you more square footage on a rear or second story addition in exchange for retaining the street-facing facade of your home.

Two options are available. In return for meeting the criteria listed below homeowners can apply for a **Preservation Bonus** of 5% more square footage and floor area ratio or a **Landmark Bonus** of 10% more square footage and

floor area ratio.

The Landmark Bonus requires the home obtain local historical landmark status and there are stricter regulations regarding exterior alterations to the home.

The City Council approved this program to help encourage the retention of the historic street character of the neighborhood after seeing a large increase in wholesale demolitions in Old Town.

There is nothing in this program that requires the preservation of any home without the owner's consent, but merely offers those interested in expanding their living space an alternative that may help preserve some of the historic fabric of the community.

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## YOUR HISTORIC BUILDING IS UNIQUE

Your building has architecture, history, and character that are unique. By preserving it you are saving a part of history and a part of Louisville. Reusing and adapt-

ing your home to modern uses is possible and encouraged. Help save the character of your hometown.



## WHERE DO I ASK QUESTIONS?

For more information or to request an application, please contact Sean McCartney in the

Planning Department at City Hall, 749 Main Street, 303.335.4591, [seanm@LouisvilleCo.gov](mailto:seanm@LouisvilleCo.gov).

*1041 Lincoln Avenue*

## ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The *Historic Preservation Commission's Design Review Committee* is available to offer limited assistance and recommendations on your Old Town home remodel project. Architects on the committee are available to give you advice on addition location, height and massing, and second story step-backs.

Committee members are able to give you ideas that may help to maintain your old home's character as you plan your addition.

This assistance is best taken early in your planning process. More limited assistance is available once your design is complete.

To avail yourself of this assistance, please contact Sean McCartney at 303.335.4591 or [seanm@LouisvilleCo.gov](mailto:seanm@LouisvilleCo.gov).

■ *The Historic Preservation Commission advises the City Council and City staff on preservation issues. In addition, the Commission oversees the process for properties in Louisville to be designated as local landmarks of historical relevance.*

*To find out about preservation incentives that are available to owners of historic buildings, please contact Sean McCartney at 303.335.4591 or [seanm@LouisvilleCo.gov](mailto:seanm@LouisvilleCo.gov).*

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