[Criteria for Landmark Designation]

2-120-620 Criteria. The Commission shall familiarize itself with areas, districts, places, buildings, structures, works of art, and other objects within the City of Chicago which may be considered for designation by ordinance as "Chicago Landmarks," and maintain a register thereof. In making its recommendation to the City Council for designation, the Commission shall limit its consideration solely to the following criteria concerning such area, district, place, building, structure, work of art, and other objects:

1. [Value as an Example of City, State or National Heritage] Its value as an example of the architectural, cultural, economic, historic, social, or other aspect of the heritage of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, or the United States.

2. [Significant Historic Event] Its location as a site of a significant historic event which may or may not have taken place within or involved the use of any existing improvements.

3. [Significant Person] Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the architectural, cultural, economic, historic, social, or other aspect of the development of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, or the United States.

4. [Exemplary Architecture] Its exemplification of an architectural type or style distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness, or overall quality of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship.

5. [Work of Significant Architect or Designer] Its identification as the work of an architect, designer, engineer, or builder whose individual work is significant in the history or development of the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, or the United States.

6. [Distinctive Theme] Its representation of an architectural, cultural, economic, historic, social, or other theme expressed through distinctive areas, districts, places, buildings, structures, works of art, or other objects that may or may not be contiguous.

7. [Unique or Distinctive Visual Feature] Its unique location or distinctive physical appearance or presence representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the City of Chicago.

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