

Chapter 16 - DEFINITIONS

SECTION 16.01. - GENERAL

SECTION 16.02. - DEFINITIONS

The following definitions describe terms found in this Code.

Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA). A certificate documenting approval by the Historic and Architectural Review Commission (HARC) or the Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) to construct, reconstruct, alter, restore, remove, relocate, or demolish a building or structure that is designated as a historic landmark, or contributing historic structure, or located in a historic overlay district, including specific site features such as signage and fences, as applicable.

Historic and Architectural Review Commission (HARC). A City Council-appointed board, consisting of seven members, who have decision-making authority regarding Certificates of ~~Design Compliance~~ Appropriateness, and make recommendations to the City Council on the designation of Historic Districts, in addition to other duties as identified in Section 2.03 of this Code.

Historic District, Designated. Any site, district, or area of historical, archeological, or cultural importance or value which the City Council determines by action shall be protected, preserved, or enhanced in the interest of the culture, prosperity, education, and welfare of the people.

Historic Places, National Register. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources. The City of Georgetown, Texas, contains four historic districts that have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places ("National Register"):

- Williamson County Courthouse Historic District, designated in 1977, includes a period of significance ending in 1923. Its boundaries were increased in 1986.
- University Avenue-Elm Street Historic District, designated in 1979, includes a period of significance ending in 1900.

- Belford Historic District, designated in 1986, includes resources constructed prior to 1935.
- Olive Street Historic District, designated in 2013

Historic Structure, Contributing. A building in a designated historic overlay district and/or registered in the National Register of Historic Places that supports the district's historical significance through location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Buildings identified as low, medium and high priority ~~structures-resources i~~ on the ~~1984 and 2007 most recently adopted~~ Historic Resources Survey of Georgetown, Texas ~~by Hardy, Heck & Moore, as amended,~~ or designated as contributing resources in the National Register of Historic Places, as amended, shall be considered ~~e~~Contributing Historic Structures for purposes of this Code. For the purpose of demolition only, buildings or structures identified as high or medium priority resources listed in this survey and that are located outside of a historic overlay district shall be considered ~~e~~Contributing ~~h~~Historic ~~s~~Structures.

Historic Structure, Non-Contributing. A building in a designated historic overlay district that does not support the district's historic significance through location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Buildings that are not identified on the most recently adopted in the 1984 and 2007 Historic Resources Survey of Georgetown, Texas ~~by Hardy, Heck & Moore, as amended,~~ shall be considered non-contributing historic structures for purposes of this Code.
