

Did You Know Your Property Is Located In a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone?

The Taylor's Daughters and Fairfield Avenue Historic Districts were created for more than just saving bricks and mortar. They were established to preserve the distinctive character that drew residents and businesses to Bellevue in the first place; while enhancing the identity of our community for both aesthetic and economic reasons. The Bellevue Historic Preservation Ordinance of 1987 created the "Taylor's Daughters and Fairfield Avenue Design Guidelines" and the Bellevue Historic Preservation Commission to assist in protecting our rich heritage for us today and future generations.



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Living in a Historic District Bellevue, Kentucky

What are Design Guidelines?



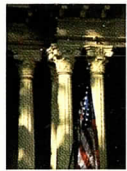
The "Taylor's Daughters and Fairfield Avenue Design Guidelines" is a document to assist owners and tenants of historic buildings to maintain, preserve and enhance the architectural character of their properties. They also assist architects and contractors involved in maintaining and modifying historic properties as well as giving the Bellevue Historic Preservation Commission a reference for their review. The Guidelines are written specifically for Bellevue and also include the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as interpreted by the National Park Service.

What is the Historic Preservation Commission?

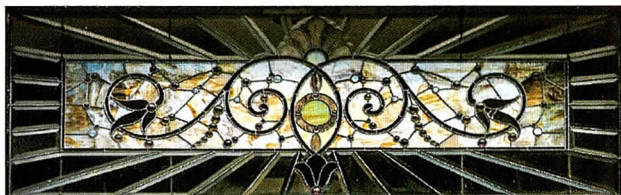


The Commission is made up of members of the community appointed by the mayor. They review COA applications for changes that impact the exterior of a building under a specific set of regulations and guidelines. They, along with staff, can advise you in the care and best practices in making changes to your historic property.

Can I Make Changes to My Property?



Yes. Bellevue's preservation ordinance provides the process to administer change and enhance the value of your property and the districts. It helps ensure the alterations are sensitive to your property using compatible materials and are harmonious to your neighborhood. Even minor changes, when they are inappropriate, and the lack of maintenance can cause one detail at a time to be lost, that can over time have a dramatic negative impact on the character and value of the neighborhood. The local historic district designation does not restrict you from making interior modifications unless they impact the exterior of the structure.



What Do I Do When I Want to Make Changes?



Please contact the Preservation Office at 859-292-4220 before beginning your project to discuss your plans and determine if a COA permit is required. Many COA permits can be approved by staff. All other applications are reviewed by the Bellevue Historic Preservation Commission.

The Commission meets on the first and third Mondays at 7 pm of each month at the Callahan Community Center located at 322 Van Voast Avenue. COA applications must be completed and submitted no later than 4:30 pm on the Thursday prior to the meeting to be included on the agenda. COA permits are commonly needed for exterior items including: doors, windows, fencing, porches, decks, signage, siding, roofing, stairs, off-street parking, tuck pointing, additions, and demolitions.

There is no charge for a COA permit if it is issued before work. Penalties can be imposed when modifications are made without a COA permit.

Are There Any Funding Opportunities?



Please contact the Historic Preservation Office for information on State and Federal Tax Credits and Bellevue Historic Preservation Incentive Grant opportunities.



How do I get more information?

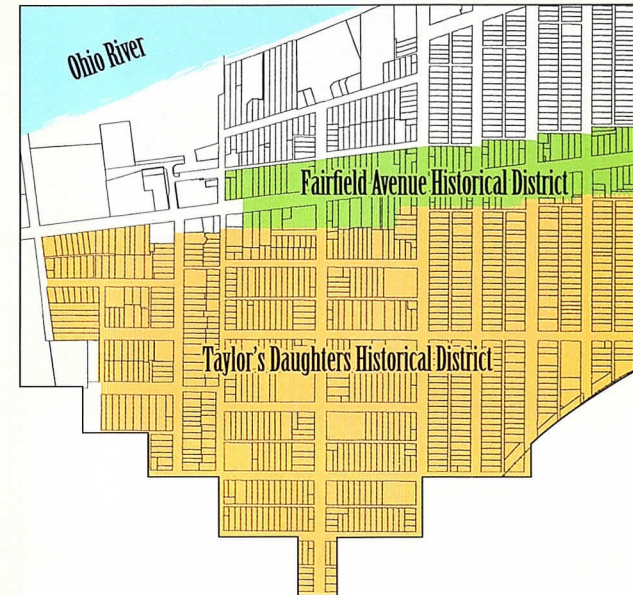


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