

What is a Historic District?

A historic district is a concentration of buildings, structures, sites, or objects with shared local, state, or national historic significance for their association with important events, people, design, or archaeological value. Districts are often aesthetically linked or share common elements in their plan and physical development. These cohesive elements often include similar historic architectural styles: building setbacks, forms, massing, height and materials; views, drives and walkways; and landscaping such as tree lined streets. Historic districts contain contributing and non-contributing resources. A contributing property adds to the qualities that make the district significant. Brookings' four districts enhance the overall fabric of our community. We encourage you to plan renovations, alterations and additions that will maintain the property itself and the historic district as a whole.

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Did you know your property is located in one of Brookings' four historic districts?

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation.

Historic preservation is an important component in maintaining a vibrant cultural identity. The Brookings Historic Preservation Commission works in tandem with the State Historic Preservation Office to ensure our architectural treasures will live on for future generations.

Historic preservation plays an important role in South Dakota's economy through heritage tourism, tax and construction revenues, and job creation—just to name a few.

Be proud that your property is part of what makes Brookings amazing!



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Brookings National Register of Historic Places Properties

Commercial Historic District

- Consists of 59 structures built predominantly between 1894-1928
- Established in 1988

Central Residential Historic District

- Consists of 127 primary and 93 secondary structures built between 1891-1941, which are characterized as eclectic, modest, and well-maintained homes
- Established in 1994 and amended in 2001 with a boundary increase

University Residential Historic District

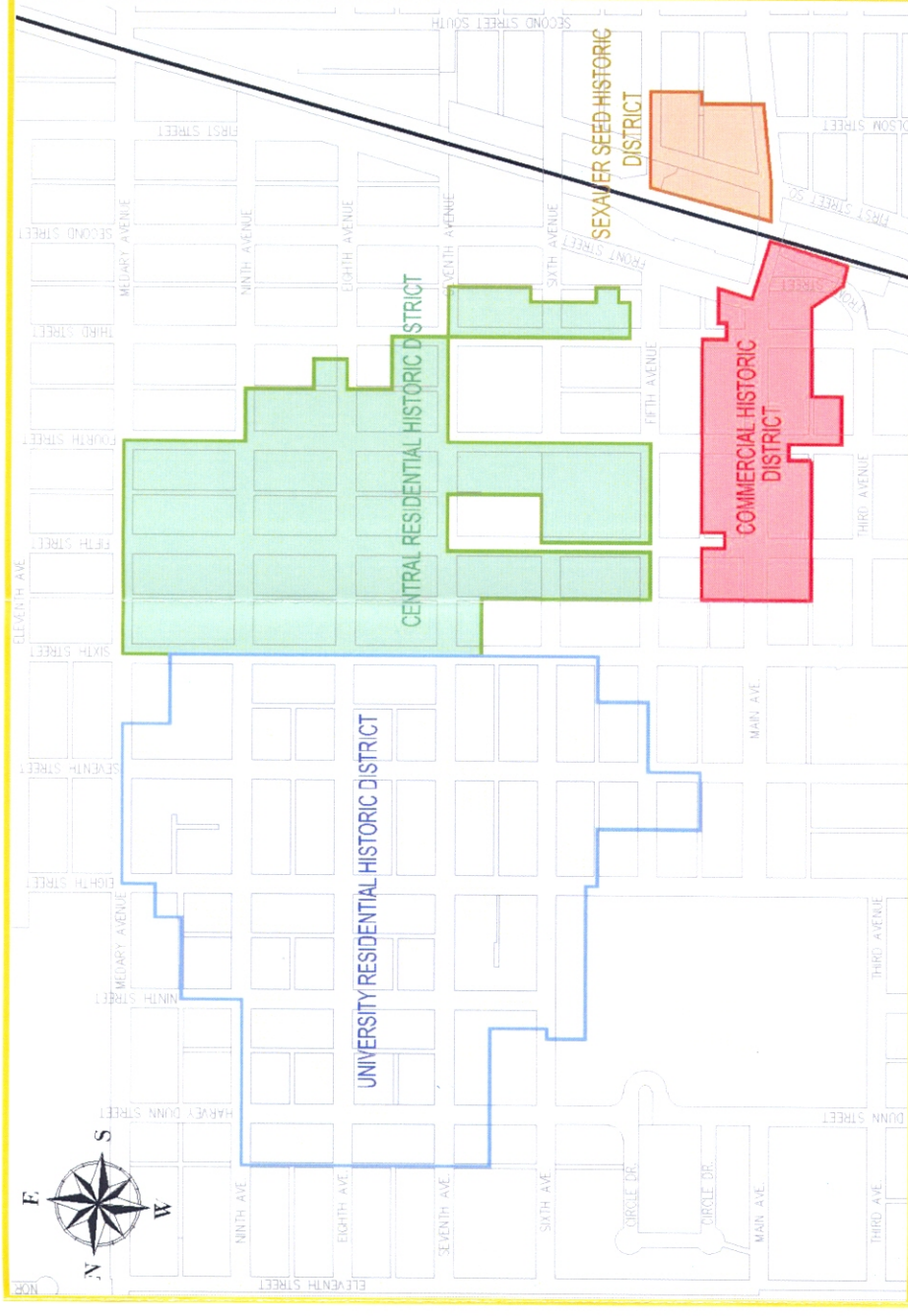
- Consists of 248 houses and 177 secondary buildings that were constructed within the 17 block district between 1895-1948
- Established in 1999

Sexauer Seed Historic District

- Consists of 10 structures
- Established in 2001

Individually Listed Properties

- 23 individually listed properties



Project Review: Any exterior project located in a historic district that requires a permit may be subject to a process called “11.1 Review” by the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission, pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1. If you are planning exterior alterations to your property, please contact Shari Thornes, Brookings Historic Preservation Commission, 605-692-6281, sthornes@cityofbrookings.org, Suite 230, 520 3rd Street, City & County Government Center or visit our website at <http://www.cityofbrookings.org/index.aspx?NID=458> for more details.