



For more information about the Historic Districts, the City's Historic Design Guidelines or for assistance in completing the application process, please call:

The City of Anderson Planning Department
(864) 231-2222

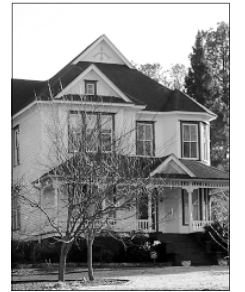


WESTSIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT



City of Anderson
401 South Main Street
Anderson, SC 29624

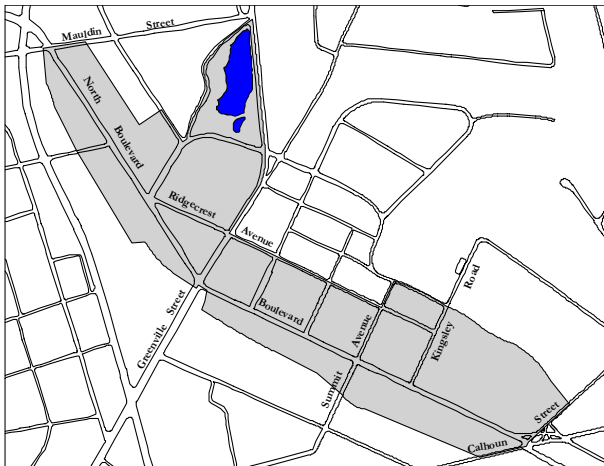
What Does It Mean To Live In Anderson's Historic Districts?



The historic districts in Anderson are special places to live. The Anderson Historic District, a nationally recognized district, was established in 1974. In 1990, The Anderson City Council designated the Westside Historic District and the Boulevard Historic District as local historic districts. Each have the historic charm that is a reminder of the architectural heritage of the community.

Benefits

These historic district designations ensure and promote good design standards while preserving the architectural integrity and character of structures in the neighborhoods. By protecting the neighborhoods with the historic district designations, the residents benefit in a number of ways. Studies indicate that historic designations protect and actually increase property values, due in part to the increased involvement in restoration of structures within the boundaries of the districts and other preservation methods. Most importantly, an historic district provides a focal point for community pride. With these historic designations within the City of Anderson, all residents, whether living in the special districts or not, can look to these areas for a part of local history.



BOULEVARD HISTORIC DISTRICT

Board of Architectural Review

Although living in an historic district is beneficial, there are certain responsibilities for the property owner. In order to maintain the historic significance of the neighborhoods, the Anderson Board of Architectural Review, established in 1986, has the responsibility for review and authorization of exterior changes to any property within the historic districts. Historic District Design Guidelines have recently been updated with comprehensive standards for property owners in Anderson.



ANDERSON HISTORIC DISTRICT

Approvals Required

Prior approval from the Board is required for any change to the exterior of a property including:

1. New Construction/Additions
2. Changing Paint Colors/Adding Siding
3. Demolitions of any Structure
4. Removing or Covering any Architectural Feature on the Exterior of a Structure and other Alterations
5. Fencing and Landscaping Additions



Approval Process

Upon approval, a Certificate of Appropriateness is granted. To obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Contact the City of Anderson Planning Department for a pre-application review. The Planning staff will work with the applicant in order to obtain the necessary information for the Board of Architectural Review.
2. The Board of Architectural Review will make a decision regarding the request at their scheduled meeting.
3. If approved, a Certificate of Appropriateness will be granted in order to proceed with the proposed project. All new construction shall meet the guidelines of the Building Department.