

The Village of Kinderhook Historic Preservation Commission, authorized to recommend to the Village Board designation of structures or properties as landmarks and historic districts (Chap 75 – 3.4.6), resolves to adopt the following recommendation.

Whereas there are an estimated 123 contiguous properties in the village based on the present existing inventory which meet the criteria for inclusion in the Village of Kinderhook Historic District (and which are presently within the National Register Historic District) as set forth in the Village Code – that is

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Commission the Village Board may designate a group of properties as a historic district if:
 - 1. it contains properties which meet one or more of the criteria for designation of a landmark; and
 - 2. by reason of possessing such qualities, it constitutes a distinct section of the Village.

The buildings meet the following criteria as listed in the Village Code.

- 1. possesses special character or historic or aesthetic interest or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the locality, region, state or nation; or
- 2. is identified with historic personages; or embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style; or
- 3. is the work of a designer whose work has significantly influenced an era; or
- 4. because of a unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood.
- 5. embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- 6. has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

and,

Whereas numerous (approximately 94) eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth century dwellings and some related outbuildings of historic value are not now protected by Chapter 75; and also

Whereas approximately 19 buildings constructed between 1924 and 1958, have passed their fifty year mark and now meet historic preservation criteria for inclusion; and also

Whereas the non-contributing (i.e., less than 50 years old) properties total 9 (or 7 percent) of the estimated total 123 properties; and also

Whereas 114 buildings (or 93 percent) meet the criteria for inclusion within the areas proposed expanded Village Historic District; and also

Whereas all these properties contain further evidence of and more fully exhibit the village's historic residential and commercial development and growth over three centuries.

Therefore, the Village of Kinderhook Historic Preservation Commission recommends that the Mayor and Trustees of the Village of Kinderhook resolve to extend the present Village Historic District so its boundaries take in all properties that are now totally or partially within the Village of Kinderhook and coincide with the Village of Kinderhook National Register Historic District, taking into account the properties appended herewith. T. Husband seconded this motion; all in favor.