

**07 NCAC 04R .0912 CERTIFICATIONS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

(a) Requests for determinations of historic significance for properties within National Register or certified historic districts shall be made by the owner to determine:

- (1) that a property located within a National Register or a certified historic district contributes to the historic significance to the district and is, therefore, a "certified historic structure"; or
- (2) that a property located within a National Register or certified historic district is not of historic significance to the district.

(b) The owner may contact the HPO to determine whether or not a property is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places or is located within a National Register or certified historic district.

(c) If a property is located within the boundaries of a National Register or certified historic district and the owner seeks certification by the SHPO that the property contributes to the historic significance of the district, the owner must provide the following documentation for determination of historic significance and submit it with the request for final certification:

- (1) Name and address of property.
- (2) Current photographs of property including photographs of the building and its site and landscape features; photograph(s) showing the property along with adjacent properties and structures on the street; and photographs of interior features and spaces adequate to document significance.
- (3) Brief written description of physical appearance including distinctive features and spaces, any alterations, and date(s) of construction.
- (4) Brief statement of significance summarizing how the property does or does not reflect the values that give the district its distinctive historical and visual character, and explaining any significance attached to the property itself (e.g., unusual building techniques, important event that took place there, etc.).
- (5) Map of the historic district clearly delineating property's location within the district.

(d) Properties in National Register or certified historic districts containing more than one building where the buildings are judged by the SHPO to have been functionally related historically to serve an overall purpose, such as a mill complex or a residence and carriage house, shall be treated as a single certified historic structure when rehabilitated as part of an overall project. Buildings that are functionally related historically are those which have functioned together to serve an overall purpose during the property's period of significance. An evaluation shall be made to determine whether the component buildings contribute to the historic significance of the property and whether the property contributes to the significance of the historic district.

(e) If a building is to be moved as part of a rehabilitation for which certification is sought, the owner must follow the procedures outlined in this Paragraph. When a building is moved, every effort shall be made to re-establish its historic orientation, immediate setting, and general environment. Moving a building within a National Register or certified historic district may result in denial of a certification of historic significance.

- (1) Documentation must be submitted that demonstrates:
  - (A) the effect of the move on the building's integrity and appearance (any demolition, changes in foundations, etc.);
  - (B) photographs of the original site and general environment of the new site;
  - (C) evidence that the new site does not possess historical significance that would be adversely affected by the moved building;
  - (D) the effect of the move on the distinctive historical and visual character of the district, where applicable; and
  - (E) the method of moving the building.
- (2) If an owner moves a building into a National Register or certified historic district or moves a building elsewhere within a district, the required information described in Subparagraph (e)(1) of this Rule shall be included. The moved building shall be evaluated to determine if it contributes to the historic significance of the district both before and after the move as in Paragraph (f) of this Rule. The owner may obtain a preliminary and non-binding determination that a building proposed to be moved will contribute to the historic significance of the district after the move.

(f) Properties within National Register or certified historic districts shall be evaluated to determine if they contribute to the historic significance of the district by application of the "Standards for Evaluating Significance within National Register or Certified Historic Districts" as set forth in Rule .0913 of this Section.

(g) Once the significance of a property located within a National Register or certified historic district has been determined by the SHPO, written notification shall be sent to the owner.

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