

City of Owosso
Historic Criteria for Evaluation of Bed and Breakfast Dwellings

1. Structures (Architectural Landmarks of Significance)

- a. For the purposes of this criteria, architectural landmarks may be considered significant if they are prototypes of or if they are examples of a period, style, architectural movement or method of construction, or if they are the most notable works - or the best surviving work in a given region - of a pioneer architect, designer or a master builder.
- b. An architectural landmark generally will be considered on its original site, particularly if its significance is basically derived from its design relationship to its site.
- c. A reconstructed or extensively rehabilitated building generally will not be considered unless no other authentic structure of its type survives in the given region and only then if the structure is reconstructed near its original site and authentically executed in an environment approximating the original setting.
- d. Architectural landmarks achieving recognition within the last 50 years will be considered only if they possess exceptional design merit of transcendent significance.
- e. The applicant and property owners are hereby advised that the continuing integrity of the registered architectural landmark's significance must be maintained by observing generally accepted preservation standards. Should an action by the owner or should other circumstances beyond his/her control cause an adverse effect on the integrity of the dwelling, any license previously authorized may be withdrawn.
- f. The following adverse effects are among those that may be considered as bases for withdrawal of landmarks registration status:
 1. Destruction or alteration of all or any significant part of the architectural landmark or its site.
 2. Isolation from or alteration of its surrounding environment, particularly in the case of an architectural landmark whose basic significance derives from its relationship to its site.
 3. Introduction of visual; audible, or atmospheric elements that are out of character with the property and its setting.
 4. In general, any action that destroys or erodes the integrity or the significance that was the basis for the architectural landmark's designation may be grounds for withdrawal of the official registration.

2. Emphasis on Individuals

- a. An individual must have had a profound influence on the history of the area, region, or State.
- b. The primary emphasis shall be the site or sites of the achievement of an individual or personality. Birthplace, death place, or site of interment shall not be a consideration unless something of historical importance is connected with his birth or death.

3. Access

- a. The site must be visibly accessible to the public.
- b. Point of Historical interest.

4. Significance

- a. Sites.
 1. Sites should be significant to the county or local area's social, cultural, economical, political, religious, or military history.
 2. Race, creed, color, or political affiliation shall not bias the determination of the validity of a point of historical Interest registration application.
 3. Application must be supported by adequate research and bibliographical proof.