

CITY OF RIVER FALLS

MOVING OR RAZING PERMIT APPROVAL PROCESS

The following is a guide to moving or razing designated historic structures and all other structures in the City of River Falls.

- **Designated Historic Structures**

Chapter 17.76(7) Historic Preservation of the City of River Falls Municipal Code

(7) INTERIM CONTROL.

No building permit shall be issued by the Building Inspector for alterations, construction, razing, or moving of a nominated historic structure, historic site, or any property or structure within a nominated historic district from the date of the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at which a nomination form is first presented until the final disposition of the nomination by the Historic Preservation Commission, or the City Council, unless such alterations, moving, or razing is authorized by formal resolution of the City Council as necessary for public health, welfare, or safety. In no event shall the delay be more than 180 days.

- **Moving or Razing of a Structure**

As part of the moving or razing permit approval checklist, the Community Development Department will review all applications requesting razing permit approval. The Community Development Department will review the permit application, visit the site and, if needed, photograph the proposed structure to be razed. The Community Development Department will also review the structure for any historic significance and determine whether the structure meets the historic designation criteria as outlined in Section 17.76, Historic Preservation, City of River Falls Municipal Code. Those criteria are as follows:

1. Exemplifies or reflects the broad cultural, political, economic, or social history of the nation, state, or community; or
2. Are identified with historic personages or with important events in national, state, or local history; or
3. Embody the distinguished characteristics of an architectural type or specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials or craftsmanship; or
4. Are representative of the notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect who influenced his or her age; or
5. Have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to pre-history or history.

If it is determined that the structure is of historic significance, the information will be forwarded to the Historic Preservation Commission for review and action. If staff determines that the request is not consistent with the historic designation criteria, it will then issue the permit.

