

Sec. 2. Definitions.

- (a) **Alteration:** a physical change to a building.
- (b) **Board:** the Brenham Historic Preservation Board
- (c) **Building:** a building, such as a house, barn, church, hotel, or similar structure created to shelter any form of human activity.
- (d) **Certificate of Appropriateness:** a certificate from the Brenham Historic Preservation Board authorizing plans for alteration, construction, removal or demolition of a landmark or an improvement within a historic district. The term “Certificate of Appropriateness” shall be synonymous with “Notice to Proceed”. The issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness does not negate the need for a Building Permit, as required by all applicable ordinances, codes and regulations of the City of Brenham. The building official is not required to make any determinations related to historic preservation, but retains the authority to enforce all other applicable building regulations as authorized by other provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham.
- (e) **Demolition:** any act or process that destroys, in part or in whole, a landmark or a structure within a historic district.
- (f) **Design Review:** The decision-making process conducted by the Brenham Historic Preservation Board to determine if a plan or proposal of any kind to alter a building or structure satisfies the terms set forth in this Ordinance.
- (g) **District. Historic Preservation Overlay District, or Historic District:** an area of land that possesses a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects that are united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development.
- (h) **Historic Property:** a District, site, building, structure, or object significant in American history, architecture, engineering, archeology, or culture at the national, state or local level.
- (i) **Improvement:** any building, structure, parking facility, or object constituting a physical betterment to real property.
- (j) **Integrity:** the authenticity of a property’s historic identity, evidenced by survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property’s historic period.
- (k) **Landmark:** refers to any individual building, structure, site, or object that is significant for historical, architectural, engineering, archeological, or cultural reasons.

- (l) **Object:** any construction that is primarily artistic in nature or relatively small in scale and simply constructed (Differs from the term “building” or structures, which refers to construction that is generally larger than an object).
- (m) **Ordinary Maintenance:** refers to activities relating to a property that would generally be considered normal or common for maintaining the property.
- (n) **Overlay Zone:** a set of zoning requirements that is described in the City’s Code of Ordinances, mapped, and is imposed in addition to those of the underlying zoning district. Development within the overlay zone must conform to the requirements of both zones, or the more restrictive of the two.
- (o) **Preservation:** the act or process of applying measures to sustain the existing form, integrity, and material of a building or other structure, and the existing form of a site.
- (p) **Rehabilitation:** the act or process of returning a property to a state of utility through repair or alteration which makes possible an efficient contemporary use while preserving those portions or features of the property which are significant to its historical, architectural, and cultural values.
- (q) **Restoration:** the act or process of accurately recovering the form and details of a property and its setting as it appeared at a particular period of time by means of the removal of later work or by the replacement of missing earlier work.
- (r) **Site:** the location of a significant event, historic occupation or activity, or a building or structure, whether standing, ruined, or vanished, where the location itself possesses historical, cultural, or archeological value regardless of the purely economic value of the existing structure.
- (s) **Structure:** any man-made building or object constructed or erected upon real property.