

SONOMA COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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GUIDELINES FOR DEMOLITION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES

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Potential Decisions

In making a decision on a request for a demolition permit to demolish an Historic Landmark structure or a structure in an Historic District, the Landmarks Commission will make one of the following decisions:

- (a) approve the demolition permit
- (b) modify the demolition permit
- (c) delay a decision on the demolition permit for a period not to exceed 180 days

Factors Considered

The Landmarks Commission will consider the following factors in evaluating the request for a demolition permit:

- The historic and architectural significance of the building.
- The contribution of the building to its immediate surroundings and to the character of the historic property or the Historic District as a whole.
- The impact of demolition of the building on the historic and architectural environment of the neighborhood.
- The structural condition of the building.

Required Materials

In addition to the request for a demolition permit, the following materials must be provided to the Landmarks Commission for its review:

1. A professional assessment of the structural condition of the building by a qualified architect, structural engineer, or construction contractor.
2. Any plans for replacement of the building or redevelopment of the site.