

Tips on Maintaining Contributing Status in National Register Historic Districts

- Speak with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on proposed exterior changes
 - For properties participating in the State Historic Property Tax Reclassification Program (SPT) contact: spt@azstateparks.org
 - For properties not participating in the SPT contact: Susan Lawson at Slawson@azstateparks.gov
 - For questions about archaeology contact: azshpo@azstateparks.gov
 - SHPO website: <https://azstateparks.com/shpo>
 - SHPO Main Line: (602) 542-4009

SHPO and City of Tucson Guidance

- Solid front yard walls should be below 48" which allows for visibility of the house.
- New carports in the front yard should maintain visibility of the historic resource.

Excerpts from the US Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

- The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
- Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
- Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
- Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
- Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
- New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

View the Secretary of the Interior's Standards in entirety: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/secretary-standards-treatment-historic-properties.htm>