

On September 13, 2005, Gilpin County adopted its first historic preservation ordinance. This ordinance could require a stay of demolition or alteration of a structure for up to 120 days.

Since adoption of this ordinance, residents owning potentially historic structures have made many inquiries with the county. In the near future, Gilpin County will create a framework to voluntarily designate historic structure for those owners interested in doing so. Such designation could allow for grants, tax incentives and funding to study, stabilize, restore or even transport a historic structure.

If you meet the conditions below and would like to be notified when Gilpin County has adopted the voluntary historic designation process, please send your 1) name, 2) site address, 3) phone number and 4) brief description of the structures historical importance to Ray W. Rears at rrears@co.gilpin.co.us, or call (303) 582-5831 x3.

In order to locally designate a historical structure, you must meet all of the following conditions:

- 1) You are the owner of the potentially historic structure.
- 2) The structure was originally built at least 50 years ago.
- 3) The structure is located in unincorporated Gilpin County and is not within the City limits of Central or Black Hawk.

Your interest in preserving Gilpin County's historic structures and heritage is important to us, thank you!