

To: Property Owners in Fairmont's Downtown Historic District

From: City of Fairmont Historic Landmarks Commission in cooperation with Main Street Fairmont

Date: March 30, 2009

Re: Signs for Historic Properties

Owners of any contributing building(s) in Fairmont's Downtown Historic District are eligible for all of the benefits available through the National Register of Historic Places, including possible tax credits and grants for maintenance and rehabilitation. In order to celebrate Fairmont's rich historical heritage, the City of Fairmont Historic Landmarks Commission invites you to join other property owners in returning to our historic plaques project.

In order to increase public awareness of Fairmont's history and to beautify our downtown area, we are offering you the opportunity to purchase plaques to display the name and date of your building. These plaques are similar to some already on display in downtown Fairmont, although they also indicate that the building is recognized by the National Register of Historic Places. Although mounting and display options are left to the owner to determine, the Commission will order and deliver the plaques at no added cost. **Main Street Fairmont offers a 50% reimbursement for members upon submitting receipt of payment.**

Please see the accompanying documents for photos of the plaques' design, an order form, and a description of the advantages of National Register membership. Note that payment for the first shipment of plaques is due by 10/1/09. Please feel free to contact us at your convenience for additional information.

The City of Fairmont Historic Landmarks Commission:

JoAnn Lough, Chair  
200 Locust Avenue  
(304) 363-9341

James Matthews, Treasurer  
716 Walnut Avenue  
(304) 367-4780

# Order Form

Please fill out the form below and send with payment by check only (made out to City of Fairmont Historic Landmarks Commission) to:

Jim Matthews, Treasurer  
Fairmont Historic Landmarks Commission  
716 Walnut Avenue  
Fairmont, WV 26554

**DO NOT** send payment directly to City of Fairmont offices.

Name of property owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Street address of historic property: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and date of historic property (Commission will fill in if left blank):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact person if other than owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mounting desired (circle one): Bolted                      Glued

Payment enclosed (see itemized list below): \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque	\$152.00
Sales Tax	\$9.14
Shipping/Handling	\$12.00
Total	<u>\$173.14</u>





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To: Property owners and interested parties

From: Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 18 May 2006

Re: National Register of Historic Places

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Properties that are considered a contributing resource in a historic district that has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) are considered listed in the NRHP and are offered the same incentives and level of protection as resources listed individually.

Attached please find information regarding what listing in the National Register does and does not do for a property. Please note that local ordinances, and not NRHP eligibility, may require review of changes to your property.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our NRHP staff at 304.558.0240.

## What the National Register DOES

- \*PROVIDES** recognition of a property's significance in history, architecture, archaeology or engineering.
- \*PROVIDES** limited protection when a property is endangered by a state or federally funded or licensed action.
- \*PROVIDES** the owner of income producing property (commercial or rental residential) the opportunity to receive Investment Tax Credit for "Certified Rehabilitation."
- \*PROVIDES** the owner of a private residence with the opportunity to apply for a Homeowners Tax Credit on state taxes, if a rehabilitation is certified.
- \*PROVIDES** the owner the opportunity to apply for matching grants-in-aid for restoration/rehabilitation (when funding is available).

## What the National Register DOES NOT do

- \*DOES NOT** restrict the use of the property. (For example, an owner can continue to live in a listed house; convert a listed property to another use, continue to farm ground where a listed archaeological site may be located, conduct new construction on the site, etc.).
- \*DOES NOT** restrict the sale of a property; unless under the jurisdiction of a state or federal agency.
- \*DOES NOT** require continued maintenance of private property.
- \*DOES NOT** require that any specific guidelines be followed in a rehabilitation (unless the owner is using state or federal funds or receiving an Investment Tax Credit).
- \*DOES NOT** require the owner to give tours of the property or open it to the public.
- \*DOES NOT** guarantee funds for restoration.
- \*DOES NOT** guarantee perpetual maintenance of the property.
- \*DOES NOT** provide a historic marker for the property.

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