

# OREGON CITY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD POLICIES

## HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD POLICY #7:

### Construction of Accessory Structures

#### *A Guide for Property Owners*



#### ABOUT THE HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD POLICIES

The City has adopted protections for locally designated properties to ensure these historic buildings maintain their integrity.

The Historic Review Board (HRB) adopted policies for minor alterations to historic structures that can be done without formal Board review. The policies are meant to provide clear direction to historic property owners on exterior changes including but not limited to roofing, siding, windows and doors. HRB Policies were first adopted in 1986 and updated in 2019.

Locally designated properties are subject to HRB Policies. This includes designated structures in McLoughlin Conservation District, all structures in Canemah National Register District, and landmarks outside of districts. To see if a property is designated, visit [www.orcity.org/maps/historic-resources](http://www.orcity.org/maps/historic-resources).

#### HRB POLICY #7: CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

Accessory structures include sheds, detached garages, carports, detached ADUs, and other standalone buildings on the same property as a primary structure. This policy applies to the construction of new accessory structures.

Accessory structures that are 200 square feet or smaller may be reviewed by staff. The criteria to be used by staff in making the decision shall be as follows:

- The building/structure exterior materials shall match the primary resource structure;
- The roofing exterior materials shall match the material on the historic/primary resource structure;
- The accessory structure shall be painted to match the historic/primary resource;
- The structure shall be placed a minimum of three (3) feet from any interior lot line as per OCMC Section 17.54.010-Accessory Structure Standards.

Any structure that does not meet this standard shall be referred or submitted to the HRB for review and decision.



## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

This means a few things as a property owner with a designated historic property:

- If the accessory structure meets the HRB policy, it is reviewed at the staff level with no application fee.
- If the accessory structure does not follow these policies or is over 200 sq ft, then it must be referred or submitted to the HRB for review and decision, which requires a fee of \$50 plus 2.5% of construction cost, with a maximum cost of \$1,000.
- The HRB can approve exceptions to minimum setbacks as a preservation incentive. Contact Planning staff to learn more about preservation incentives.
- Verify there are no easements in the location where the proposed accessory structure will be built, as well as overlay zones such as the Natural Resource Overlay District, Flood Management Overlay, and Geologic Hazards Overlay. This can be verified on [www.maps.ORECity.org](http://www.maps.ORECity.org) or by contacting the Planning Department.
- If the accessory structure's wall is over 10 feet in height or if the structure is over 200 sq ft., it will require a building permit. Check with the Building Department regarding building code requirements, including plumbing, electrical, or mechanical equipment permit requirements.



## PROHIBITED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES ON LOCALLY DESIGNATED PROPERTIES AND IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Metal Structure



Cargo container



Membrane or fabric covered storage area



Further information about the HRB and HRB Policies can be found at: [www.orecity.org/planning/hrb-policies](http://www.orecity.org/planning/hrb-policies)

If you have any questions about the City's Preservation Program or if your property is locally designated, please contact:  
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