

New Exterior Signs in the Design Review District

PURPOSE

The Design Review District is an area of downtown Bennington composed of significant historic buildings that has been protected by town ordinance. The Permitting Department reviews sign applications for compliance with the Sign Ordinance, while the Historic Preservation Commission reviews sign applications within the Design Review District to ensure they are compatible with historic buildings in downtown Bennington.

RESOURCES

- Design Review District Map (attached)
- Sign Ordinance: <https://benningtonplanningandpermits.com/building-zoning-regulations-ordinances/>
- Sign Permit: <https://benningtonplanningandpermits.com/building-permits/permit-applications/>
- Information about the Historic Preservation Commission: <https://benningtonvt.org/boards-commissions/hpc>
- Time and Place in Bennington, guidelines for development within the Design Review District: Available in print at the Town Offices (205 South Steet) and at the Bennington Free Library, Vermont Room; <https://benningtonvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Time-and-Place-in-Bennington.pdf>
- The Vermont Sites and Structures Survey provides information on the buildings in the District: Available in print at the Town Offices (205 South Steet) and at the Bennington Free Library, Vermont Room

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Documentation should be submitted 10 days prior to the monthly Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Contact the Town Office for information about the schedule.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Review the signage guidelines on page 64 of *Time and Place in Bennington* and the Bennington Sign Ordinance.
2. Complete the sign permit application, available online or at the Town Office.
3. Attach additional documentation relevant to the Historic Preservation Commission:
 - a. Current photographs of the exterior of the building
 - b. Historic photographs of the exterior of the building (if available)
 - c. If the sign is part of a renovation, provide accurately scaled and dimensioned elevations of the building
 - d. Detailed sign drawings including: materials, supports, trim, dimensions including thickness, logos, lettering, and colors
 - e. Proposed lighting fixture product sheets (if relevant)
 - f. Any other information deemed helpful for review of the proposed changes
4. Submit your application to the Permitting Department at the Town Office with any required fees. They will forward your application to the Historic Preservation Commission.

CONTACT

For further information, please contact:

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Town of Bennington, Vermont Zoning Bylaw Map 7

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