



Points of Interest

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There are four (4) primary reasons that we have an historic building crisis in Naples:

- i. Market economics
 - ii. Geography
 - iii. Construction and Maintenance
 - iv. History of preservation and other gentle misinterpretations
- General interpretation from Naples Historical Society, Inc. (2015)

"For purposes of the National Register nomination, all buildings that are over fifty years of age are considered contributing."

--U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Register of Historic Places

"Some resources acquire historical qualities before the passage of 50 years because they either were not built to last that long, or, by their nature, are subject to circumstances that destroy their integrity before 50 years has lapsed."

--U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Register of Historic Places

"What are the results of listing in the National Register? Listing in the National Register does not, in itself, impose any obligation on the property owner, or restrict the owner's basic right to use and dispose of the property as he or she sees fit."

--Florida Dept. of State, Division of Historical Resources (SHPO), National Register Fundamentals

"What are the restrictions, rules, and regulations for historic property owners? From the Federal perspective, a property owner can do whatever they want with their property as long as there are no Federal monies attached to the property."

--Florida Dept. of State, Division of Historical Resources (SHPO), National Register Fundamentals

"Ordinarily cemeteries, birthplaces, graves of historical figures...reconstructed historic buildings...shall not be considered eligible for the National Register. However, such properties will qualify if they are integral parts of districts that do meet the criteria or if they fall within the following categories:

"...e. A reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner..."

"...f. A property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own exceptional significance..."

--National Park Service, National Register Bulletin, *How to apply the National Register criteria for evaluation*

"...The term (Substantial Improvements) does not include either:

"(1) Any project for improvement of a building required to correct existing health, sanitary or safety code violations identified by the building official and that are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions."

"(2) Any alteration of a historic structure provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure."

--Florida Building Code, Section 1612.2

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