



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Historical Resources Board

Burlingame, "The Tract of Character" is historically significant based on its unique early 20th century development, architecture, site planning, and special scale and character, with its rose-colored sidewalks providing additional character defining features to the neighborhood. There is an eclectic mix of residential architecture, reflected in over 170 distinctive homes of various architectural styles which include Mission Revival, Spanish Colonial, Tudor Revival, Craftsman, Prairie and Modern. The period of significance is 1912 through 1952. Burlingame (HRB #526) was originally designated in 2002 as a voluntary historic district; the district type was later amended to be a traditional geographic district and as such, all contributing and non-contributing properties were identified in November 2007.

Designated historical resources, including historic districts, enjoy a number of benefits and increased responsibilities. The most widely used benefit is the Mills Act Property Tax Reduction Program. Information related to this program can be found on the City's website at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/historical/faq/millsact.shtml>.

The increased responsibilities relate to the designated property owner's requirement to maintain the resource in a manner that will preserve the historical significance and to only modify the resource in a way that is consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. These Standards and associated Guidelines can be found at: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/>. Additional guidance is provided by a number of National Park Service Preservation Briefs found at: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm> and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's resources for historic homeowners found at: <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/historic-homeowners.html>.

Any work on a designated historical resource, including all buildings and sites within a designated historic district, requires review and approval from Historical Resources Staff at the City. Information Bulletin 581 found at <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/infobulletinsnumb.shtml> describes the review process. You are encouraged to work with Historical Resources Staff early in the process to identify any potential issues with a project you are contemplating. The Staff assistance procedure can be found at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/historical/benefits/index.shtml>.

The Design Assistance Subcommittee (DAS) of the Historical Resources Board provides additional assistance to historic property owners. You can find out what projects in Burlingame and elsewhere are being reviewed by DAS and schedule your project at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/historical/agendas/subcommittees.shtml#subcommittees>.



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