HISTORIC RESOURCES IN THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – TERMINOLOGY

The Flagstaff Zoning Code uses the terms below to help us define and designate historic resources.

Historic Resource – A type of cultural resource that refers to objects, structures, natural features, sites, places, or areas that are associated with events or persons in the architectural, engineering, archaeological, scientific, technological, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of the City of Flagstaff, the state of Arizona, or the United States of America.

The integrity of a resource determines if it is eligible for historic designation.

Significance - The criteria for determining the significance of a cultural resource is based on the potential of the cultural resource to contribute to our understanding of the past.

Integrity – The authenticity of a historic resource’s identity, judged by how evident is the general character of the period of significance, the degree to which the characteristics that define its significance are present, and the degree to which incompatible elements are reversible.

Period of Significance – The timeframe of construction associated with a historic resource whose features or characteristics make it significant. For La Plaza Vieja, the period of significance is from 1887 to 1954.

The Flagstaff Zoning Code allows for individual buildings or sites to be designated as a local landmark, historic property or Historic Overlay:

A. An individual property, object, structure, site, sign, or landscape feature may be designated as a Landmark if it is significant in accordance with the zoning code. The Landmark Zone Design Standards & Guidelines apply to these properties.

B. An individual property, object, structure, site, or landscape feature may be designated as a Historic Property if it is significant in accordance with the zoning code and if individualized Development Standards & Guidelines are warranted.

C. A group of properties may be designated as a Historic Overlay Zone if a majority of the properties are significant in accordance with the zoning code.

Historic Property – A single property with a specific historic district designation that includes development standards and guidelines that are individualized for the specific cultural resource being recognized.

Flagstaff Register of Historic Places – The Flagstaff Register of Historic Places consists of properties or zones designated by the Council as Landmarks, Historic Properties or Historic Overlay Zones and depicted as such on the official Zoning Map of the City.

*For specific information about the processes and requirements for historic designation, refer to the Flagstaff Zoning Code, Division 10-30.30 (Heritage Preservation). For more information about the Landmark Zone Design Standards & Guidelines, contact Karl Eberhard at (928) 213-2969.