

6.3.6 Relocating Historic Structures



Relocating houses has long been popular in Los Angeles.



PURPOSE AND INTENT

In most cases, the proposed relocation of an historic structure to a location within an historic district should be evaluated in much the same way as a proposed new infill construction project. There are, however, several additional considerations that should be taken into account when evaluating this type of project to ensure that the historic importance of both the structure to be moved and the district in which it will be relocated are preserved.

GUIDELINES

- .1 If feasible, relocation of a structure within its original neighborhood is strongly preferred.
- .2 Relocation of the structure to a lot similar in size and topography to the original is strongly preferred.
- .3 The structure to be relocated should be similar in age, style, massing, and size to existing historic structures on the blockfront on which it will be placed.
- .4 The structure to be relocated should be placed on its new lot in the same orientation and with the same setbacks to the street as its placement on its original lot.
- .5 A relocation plan should be prepared prior to relocation that ensures that the least destructive method of relocation will be used.
- .6 Alterations to the historic structure proposed to further the relocation process should be evaluated in accordance with the Rehabilitation Guidelines.
- .7 The appearance, including materials and height, of the new foundations for the relocated historic structure should match those original to the structure as closely as possible, taking into account applicable codes.

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Additional graphics:

Clear and specific guidelines will help convey the expectations for relocation projects within the HPOZ and provide certainty and predictability to the process for both the applicant and project reviewer.

When customizing guidelines in this section, please remember that a range of guidelines are listed on these pages to foster discussion and debate regarding the key points. General guidelines may be developed in more detail to suit the character of your HPOZ. You may find it helpful to make a list of topics you feel are important, and then draft guidelines to address each one.

Make use of a hierarchy of verbs and phrases to convey the general importance of each particular guideline. The use of the words 'are encouraged', 'are strongly discouraged', 'may', 'should', 'shall', etc. indicate how strongly the HPOZ board will, and the applicant should, adhere to a particular guideline. Each guideline listed on the left is only a draft concept, the verbs and phrases can be modified to meet local expectations.