

VILLAGE OF INTERLAKEN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION GUIDELINES

PREPARED FOR THE VILLAGE OF INTERLAKEN

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INTRODUCTION



This document was prepared to assist property owners, developers, contractors, trades workers, architects, and designers working on projects in the Village of Interlaken. They offer simple, best-practice suggestions for maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration or new construction efforts with the goal of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the historic character of Interlaken.

Preservation guidelines are intended to:

- Help maintain the aesthetic character of the Village.
- Preserve the integrity (authenticity) of existing buildings.
- Improve the quality of growth and development.
- Protect property values.

When undertaking maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration or new construction efforts in Interlaken, it is important to make every effort possible to do so in the most historically accurate manner possible as this helps to preserve and protect the historic character and aesthetic appeal of the Village.

The Interlaken Historical Society is an excellent resource for anyone looking for information regarding the original appearance of the Village's existing buildings. The Historical Society's offers a collection of over 2,200 photographs and 1,100 glass plate negatives that are available for viewing. These photos, indexed by topic and description, can yield valuable insight into the original details of an existing building or provide proper reference points for new construction.

The Interlaken Historical Society is located in the Telephone Company building on Main Street and is open Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in July and August and other times by appointment. Call (607) 532-9227 or visit www.interlakenhistory.org.

These are the key underlying principles for historic preservation in the Village of Interlaken.

1. Always make the best effort possible to retain original architectural details.
2. If replacement of original architectural details is necessary, efforts should be based on accurate historic documentation (i.e. photos available at the Interlaken Historic Preservation Society) and produce an end result visually similar to the original details.
3. Deteriorating building elements should be repaired rather than concealed behind new materials.
4. Avoid introducing architectural details of certain periods or styles not original to the structure.
5. Changes to structures that have taken place over time are evidence of the history and development of a building. Even though these changes may not be original to the property, it is important to evaluate their own character and appearance before removing such features.