



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE STAFF REPORT LANDMARK NOMINATION



The Waverly (783 N Main Street)

The Waverly (HN0053) is proposed for designation as a Historic Landmark due to its architectural significance as a prime example of the Victorian, Queen Anne, and Eastlake style and its significance as part of Hendersonville's early tourism industry. The Waverly retains many of its original features, including its double hung one over one windows, original siding, porch detailing, and front door. The Inn was constructed in 1889 to capitalize on the tourism industry in Hendersonville brought on by the railroad which came to Hendersonville ten years earlier in 1879. The Inn suffered a fire in 1910 and was partially reconstructed, adding a third floor to what once was an attic space – the floorplan which remains to this day. The Inn is the longest continuously operating Inn in the City of Hendersonville.

Criteria for Landmarking:

The Historic Preservation Commission Landmark Program seeks to honor properties with historic significance in the City of Hendersonville. Identifying these properties and ensuring that they meet at least one criteria below is an important way to showcase the historic significance of the subject property.

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
 - a. The Waverly is an exemplary early inn constructed to accommodate tourists traveling to Hendersonville. Tourism has long served as one of the city's foundational and continuing economic industries, and The Waverly played a significant role in supporting that development.
- B. That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
 - a. Not Applicable

- C. That embody the distinctive characteristic of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the works of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - a. The Waverly is a notable example of Victorian-era architecture displaying Queen Anne and Eastlake stylistic influences. It retains numerous original architectural features and materials with minimal alteration, contributing strongly to its architectural integrity.
- D. That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history; or
 - a. Not Applicable
- E. Has significance to a particular community or communities in the City of Hendersonville.
 - a. The Waverly has served continuously as an inn for more than a century and remains a familiar landmark within the community, contributing to the identity and heritage of Hendersonville.

HPC Recommendation:

At its November 19th, 2025, meeting, the HPC voted 8-0 to recommend for approval the landmark designation of the Waverly.

Conditions:

- Designate the interior stairs
- Include more information about the landscaping