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Dear Historic Property Owner:

Greetings from the Beloit Landmarks Commission! You own a significant part of Beloit's history, recognized by the designation of your property as an individual landmark or as part of a historic district (Bluff Street Historic District, College Park/Near East Side Historic District, and the Merrill Street Historic District). The care and maintenance of these historic properties is vital to the quality of life in our community. In order to protect your investment, to stabilize and enhance property values in our neighborhoods, and to preserve Beloit's history for future generations, owners must apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) before making any exterior changes or improvements to their property.

Any change to the exterior appearance of any structure on the property requires a COA. Exterior changes include but are not limited to remodeling, additions, new construction, demolition, and installation of fences, sidewalks, or driveways. Painting is exempt. There is a filing fee of \$25 for staff-approved projects and \$50 for Landmarks Commission-approved projects. Please see enclosed application for a list of staff-approved projects. The Landmarks Commission meets every third Tuesday of the month at City Hall. Work done without an approved COA is subject to increased filing fees, as well as citations. As the owner of a historic property, you may be eligible for financial assistance and/or tax credits. For additional information, please contact the Wisconsin Historical Society (www.wisconsinhistory.org or (608) 264-6493). The City has a number of loan programs available for repairs and rehabilitation. Eligibility and loan terms depend upon financial needs and resources. For additional information on these loan programs, call (608) 364-6713.

If you have any questions about the COA process or questions regarding historic preservation, please contact Hilary Rottmann in the Planning and Building Services Division at (608) 364-6708 or rottmannh@beloitwi.gov.

Si quiere recibir una copia de esta notificación importante en español, favor de contactar a Hilary Rottmann en la División de Servicios de Planificación y Construcción a (608)364-6708.

We look forward to working with you in the future! Beloit Landmarks Commission