

PROCEDURE FOR SUPPORTING OR OBJECTING TO NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING

Under federal law a privately owned property may not be listed in the National Register over the objection of its owner or, in the case of a property with multiple owners, over the objection of a majority of the owners. A district may not be listed in the National Register over the objection of a majority of private property owners within the proposed district.

Supporting a National Register nomination:

Private owners who seek National Register listing for their properties are not required to submit statements of concurrence, though letters of support of the nomination are welcomed and become a permanent part of the nomination file. Owners who wish to support a nomination are encouraged to submit letters of support to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency prior to the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council meeting at which the nomination is to be considered. Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Meetings normally are held in various locations in the State in March, June, September and December. For more information, call 217/785-4324 in advance of the meeting.

Objecting to a National Register nomination:

Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing must submit to the State Historic Preservation Office a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property, as appropriate, and objects to the listing. For a single privately owned property with one owner, the property will not be listed if the owner objects. Where the nominated private property -- whether an individual building or a district -- has multiple owners each owner or partial owner of has one vote regardless of what part of the property or how much property the individual owns. Owners who wish to object are encouraged to submit notarized statements of objection prior to the meeting of the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council at which the nomination is being considered. However, statements of objection may be submitted and will be counted up until the actual date of listing, which usually takes place at least 15 days, but not more than 45 days after the nomination is mailed to the Keeper of the National Register following the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council meeting.

If a majority of private property owners should object, the property or district will not be listed. However, in such cases the State Historic Preservation Officer is required to submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility for the National Register. If the property or district is determined eligible for listing, although not formally listed, it will be treated as a listed property or district for purposes of federal and state undertakings in the environmental review process. Such properties are not eligible for federal preservation grants or tax credits until the objections are withdrawn and the property is listed.

Address letters of support or objection to:

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