

COA: Old Town Hall (235 Wells St.)

Certificate of Appropriateness

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Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Decisions about modifications, demolitions, and relocations are made in the process to seek a 'Certificate of Appropriateness'. Certain criteria must first be met for repairs and modifications, relocation, and demolition.

The Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB) reviews the applications within 60 days and after a 30-day review timeframe, the HPAB issues a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to approve, modify and approve, or disapprove the application.

Next, the Board of Trustees reviews the recommendation by HPAB and the application within 60 days of receipt. Within 30 days of ending its review, the Board of Trustees determines if the application is approved or denied.

Are you the owner of the property in question?

No

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Owner's Full Name Town of Erie - TOE owned property

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Property Street Address Chamber of Commerce Building 235 Wells St. Erie CO 80516

City/State/Zip Erie, CO 80516

Type of work being proposed

- Demolition: Removal of feature or razing of structure

Summary of the proposed work Demolition of the old siren tower behind the Chamber of Commerce building. The tower will be removed and hauled off for recycling. The siren will be removed from the tower and saved if there is a need or want.

Uploading Required Visual Documents

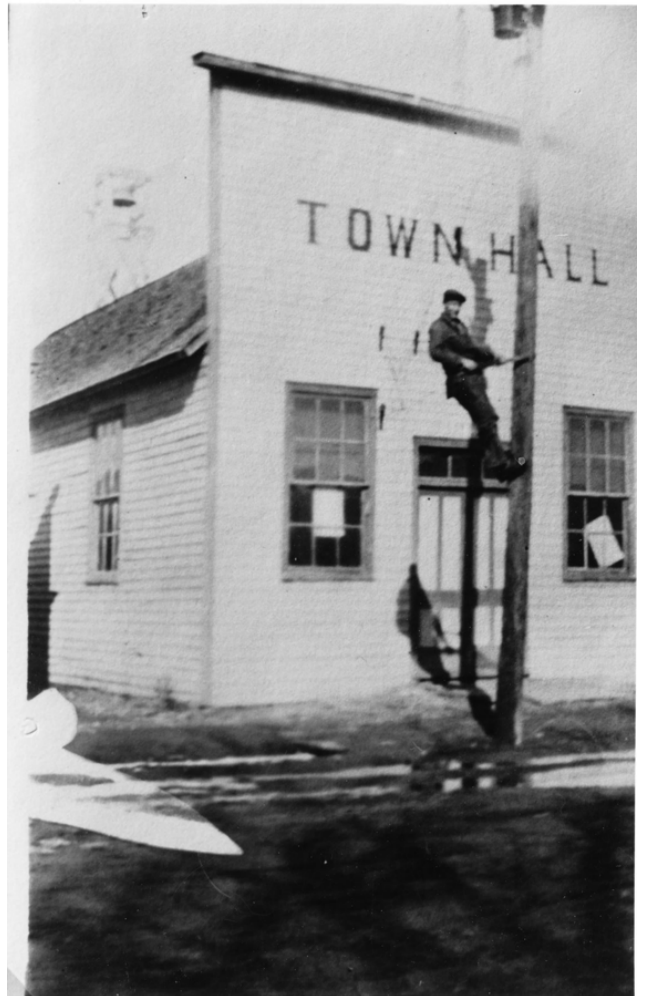
The application may require visual submissions via upload. Each application is different, and, therefore, may have different requirements. Visuals aid the Advisory Board in best understanding the proposal. Additional materials may be requested.

Upper Right: Contemporary photo of the Siren Tower behind the Old Town Hall Building.

Upper Left: Contemporary(ish) photo of the building. Bell tower and bell will remain, but Siren Tower in rear would be removed.

Bottom Right: Late 1800's – original building with original siren tower is faded but visible in background.

Bottom Left: Existing building constructed in 1930 – photo is from 1960's/1970's (the photo crops at roofline of building so it's impossible to see the siren tower).



3-3-18 Criteria for certificate of appropriateness.

- A. **General:** The board of trustees shall approve a certificate of appropriateness for any proposed new construction on or alteration of a designated historic landmark only if the board of trustees has determined that the proposed work would not detrimentally alter, destroy or affect any architectural or landscape feature that contributes to the original historic designation and the that the proposed work is visually compatible with designated historic structures located on the property in terms of designs, finish, material, scale, mass and height.
- B. **Compatibility:** In determining compatibility, the board of trustees shall consider the following criteria:
1. The effect on the general historic and architectural character of the structure and property;
 2. The architectural style, arrangement, texture and material used on the existing and proposed structures and their relation to and compatibility with other structures;
 3. The size of the structure, its setbacks, location, and the appropriateness thereof when compared to existing structures and the site;
 4. The compatibility of accessory structures and fences with the main structure on the site, and other structures;
 5. The effects of the proposed work in creating, changing, destroying, or otherwise impacting the exterior architectural features of the structure upon which such work is done;
 6. The condition of existing improvements and whether they are a hazard to public health and safety;
 7. The effects of the proposed work upon the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of the property; and
 8. Compliance with the United States Secretary of the Interior's "Standards For Rehabilitation".

(Ord. 05-2021 , § 1, 3-9-2021)