

Criteria for Award

- 1) Property must be at least 75 years old
- 2) Property must be well maintained
- 3) Any exterior updates, additions, and renovations to the property must be sensitive to and in keeping with the property's historic architecture

Guidelines for the Ludlow Architectural Landmark Plaque Program

1. The Ludlow Architectural Landmark (LAL) plaques are intended to mark, commemorate, and celebrate Ludlow's historic buildings and to encourage their preservation and restoration. It is vital to preserve and celebrate Ludlow's history and its buildings. Historic buildings help preserve the economic investment, culture, history, architectural style, and general character of our city. Buildings may be awarded LAL status for several reasons. The building may be one of the earliest buildings in town, a model example of a style of architecture or have surviving intricate detailing, was the home or workplace of well-known person, the location of famous event, instrumental to the development of the town, or simply well-preserved and maintained over its existence.
2. Eligible buildings must be:
 - 75 years or older at the time of application, unless exceptional circumstances warrant the awarding of a plaque to a more recent building.
 - Well preserved, appropriately restored, or sensitively rehabilitated (as per the Ludlow Historic Design Guidelines, found on the city website – www.ludlow.org).
3. Buildings must be approved for a LAL plaque by application to the Ludlow Historic Society (LHS) (applications can be found online or by contacting the LHS at ludlowhistoricsociety@gmail.com). The LHS review committee will make decisions utilizing sources such as the Guidelines for Residential and Commercial Structures in the Ludlow Historic Design Guidelines.
4. Property owners of historic buildings applying for an LAL plaque should submit photograph(s) and as much historical documentation as possible on their building. The documentation should include information such as the construction date, original owner or builder, later chain of ownership, original condition, later changes, updates, or additions, and approximate dates for major changes. Owners can request assistance from the LHS in this process for a \$20 research charge, by contacting us at ludlowhistoricsociety@gmail.com
5. Upon approval of the application, property owners will be able to purchase the LAL plaque. The cost of the plaque is \$300; however, owners will only need to pay \$200 themselves. An additional \$100 will be covered by the LHS and owners will be awarded a lifetime membership to the LHS. Affixing the plaque to the building will be the responsibility of the homeowner. Additionally, a listing of all homes with an LAL plaque will be kept and maintained by the LHS.
6. If inappropriate changes are subsequently made to the historic property, the LHS may, upon review and with a majority vote, revoke the LAL status.

If you have any questions regarding the LAL program, please contact the LHS at ludlowhistoricsociety@gmail.com