Introduction and How to Use this Guide

This guide is designed to be a handy reference for those wishing to maintain, restore and add to houses and other structures in the Historic Overlay District. The guide will enable you to identify the architectural style of your home, and will help you identify the key elements of that style. This guide also contains detailed recommendations for architecturally appropriate ways to work on specific features of your home.

The main approach in the Design Guidelines is the emphasis on preservation over complete remodeling although the removal and replacement of original materials is permitted. It is typically always better to repair original materials rather than replace them; retain original features rather than replace them; maintain original features; and protect an area from incompatible modifications, additions and/or new construction.

A list of Contributing and Noncontributing structures can be found on the Village of Barrington website www.barrington-il.gov. The architectural style of the structure on each property is included. By reviewing this list, you can determine the architectural style of your house and whether or not it is a Contributing Structure important to the Historic Overlay District.

The first section of this guide will orient you to the various styles found in the District. As each style is discussed, the key elements that mark the style are referenced, and photographs demonstrating the style are provided.

The second section of this guide is an illustrated glossary of architectural terms. This guide will help you to understand the "lingo" of architecture.

The fourth section of this guide lists the various elements of structures, and provides detailed recommendations on how to perform maintenance, repairs and additions that meet Barrington's standards for historic preservation, historic appearance and compatibility for improvements to noncontributing structures.

The guide concludes with a list of resources and other reading materials that may be useful for further information and guidance on historic appearance and/or preservation.

ANY ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN ELEMENTS OR EXTERIOR MATERIALS NOT COVERED BY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND FINAL CONSIDERATION BASED ON ANY OTHER APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE DESIGN GUIDELINES AND THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS OF ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 9.8.