

## Local Ordinance Historic District

As required by law, property owners must obtain a *Certificate of Appropriateness* (COA) from the Historic District Commission before making changes to the exterior of structures within the Argenta Historic District.

### What types of changes are regulated?

Most alterations to a structure's exterior are subject to HDC review: room additions, doors, windows, awnings, porches, signage, and more. New construction & demolition are also subject to review. Here's the process at a glance:



- Property owner obtains a COA application from the HDC; application is completed by the property owner and returned to the HDC for review.
- A *Notice of Public Hearing* is published in the newspaper 2 weeks prior to the date of review; adjacent property owners are notified of the proposed project.
- Applicant meets with the HDC in a Public Hearing where the proposed project is reviewed.
- Upon approval, a COA is issued and the property owner obtains a building permit from the NLR Planning Dept.
- If the application is denied, appeal may be made to the Circuit Court of Pulaski County.

COA applications are reviewed by the Commission on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Applicants may obtain a copy of The Guide to Rehabilitation and New Construction in the Argenta Historic District at 506 Main St. or online at [www.nlrhistory.com/about/index\\_hdc.html](http://www.nlrhistory.com/about/index_hdc.html)



## Helpful Contacts

**City of North Little Rock** [www.northlr.org](http://www.northlr.org)  
City Hall 300 Main Street 501-340-5301

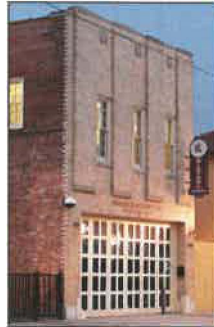
**North Little Rock City Services Building**  
120 Main Street 501-975-8888

**North Little Rock Neighborhood Services**  
3427 N. Magnolia Street 501-791-8500

**North Little Rock Community Planning & Permits** 120 Main Street 501-975-8835  
*Within the Argenta Historic District, there is no charge for a building permit.*

### North Little Rock Historic District Commission

The staff of the Historic District Commission is available to assist in the research of historic properties, and to provide other helpful services. The Commission offers a resource library with information on architectural styles, historic paint colors; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, City Directories, and more.



Historic District Design Guidelines are available at 506 Main Street, or online at [www.nlrhistory.com/about/index\\_hdc.html](http://www.nlrhistory.com/about/index_hdc.html)

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*A property owner's guide to regulations and resources within the Argenta Historic District*



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## Historic Argenta

Built around riverboat commerce and the railroad, the Town of Argenta was platted in 1866. Its buildings accommodated hotels, saloons, train depots and general merchandise stores. Housing was constructed for railroad workers and blue collar tradesmen. Business owners and town leaders built homes that were more grand.

The name Argenta would later be changed to North Little Rock, and North Little Rock would grow to become an industrial center and a city of the first class.



Visitors today will note early 20<sup>th</sup> century bungalows in the Craftsman, Colonial Revival and Queen Anne styles. A handful of restored shotgun homes reflect Argenta's working-class roots. Of the original buildings remaining on Main Street, most are of Italianate, International, and Classical Revival design.

## Historic District Commission

Argenta was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1993. That year, the City Council passed an ordinance under the Arkansas Historic Districts Act. The local law created the North Little Rock Historic District Commission (HDC) and placed the unique character of the Historic District under the protection of the HDC.



The role of the HDC is to maintain the historic core of downtown North Little Rock as a productive living, shopping and working area while preserving the character of the area's historic roots. The HDC strives not only to safeguard historic properties, but to increase their value, and foster pride in the achievements of the past.

