

Nebraska Lied Main Street Design Assistance Program

Main Street is historic preservation based economic development. Helping property and business owners enhance the existing physical assets in officially designated Main Street communities while following historic preservation principles is the primary focus and intent of the Nebraska Lied Main Street Design Assistance Program.

The program services are provided by a team from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Architecture. The team is made up of a Professor of Architecture and upper class and graduate architecture students.

We provide property owners and tenants with recommendations for improving the physical appearance of their buildings while ensuring compatibility with the existing fabric of the Main Street district following historic preservation principles.

Eligibility

The design services are available for property or business owners with qualified properties or structures located in a Nebraska Lied Main Street community within the designated Main Street district.

Scope and Limits of Service

The scope of services to be provided will be discussed with each property or business owner. Any recommendations, reports, and drawings made are conceptual and are not intended for construction purposes but can serve as a basis for discussion with contractors or with a registered architect if professional services are required for the project.

Evaluation of deficiencies in structural capabilities, compliance with building codes, or identification of the presence of hazardous materials are all beyond the scope of service provided by the Main Street Design team.

The time frame for delivery of recommendations, written or illustrated, will vary depending on the current workload of the Main Street Design Team, the complexity of the request and any unforeseen difficulties with the project.

Cost

- On-site consultation visits with the design team are scheduled at no cost.
- Photo enhanced illustrated recommendations are produced for a fee and are contracted with the property or business owner. Each set of illustrations costs \$150 and includes no more than 3 illustrated design alternatives.
- Additional illustrated design alternatives are \$100 for each drawing.

Process

- 1.) Property and business owners interested in this service should contact the local Main Street office for a Design Assistance Request Form.
- 2.) Complete the form and return it to the local Main Street office.
- 3.) The form will be forwarded to the Nebraska Lied Main Street office for review and scheduling of a site visit.

- 4.) The site visit by the design team includes a meeting with the property or business owner and photo documentation of the building's existing condition. After the site visit, the design team determines recommended actions. This could include one or all of the following: site visit verbal recommendations, written follow-up, or photo enhanced illustrated recommendations. (NOTE: The photo enhanced illustrated recommendations are produced for a fee and are contracted with the property or business owner. The design team will have blank Design Assistance Letter of Agreement Forms with them during the site visit so they can be signed and executed if photo enhanced illustrated recommendations are requested.)
- 5.) The design team completes a written follow-up or draft copy of the photo enhanced illustrated recommendations and sends them to the property or business owner for review. The design team will refine the illustrations before sending the final copy to the property or business owner, local Main Street manager, and the Nebraska Lied Main Street office. If a property or business owner desires additional illustrated recommendations, an additional fee of \$100 per illustration will be added to the contract and invoice.
- 6.) The Nebraska Lied main Street office will send an invoice for design services to the property or business owner. Payment of this invoice must be made within 30 days of receipt.
- 7.) If the project is implemented in accordance with the photo enhanced illustrated recommendations, a refund of \$50 of the design service fee will be made to the property or business owner upon completion of the project.