

**City of Milwaukee  
Historic Designation Application Instructions  
Site or Structure**

To be considered for designation by the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission, it is necessary for an applicant to complete the enclosed application form and return it. The application is designed so that it can be completed without professional assistance. Although most of the items are self-explanatory, some may be unfamiliar to you. The following instructions explain the most frequently misunderstood items. If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at (414) 286-5722.

1. **Historic Name:** This is ordinarily the first name given to the building or the name of the original owner. A name associated with a site at a later date may also be used if it can be demonstrated to have more historic validity than the name by which it was first known.  
  
**Common Name:** This is usually the name by which a site is currently popularly identified. It may be the same as the historic name.
5. **Representation in Existing Surveys:** If you know whether or not your property has been included in the City of Milwaukee Historic Building Inventory or some other inventory or has been previously historically designated by either the former Milwaukee Landmarks Commission or the National Register of Historic Places, please indicate this information. If you do not know, just write "unknown."
6. **DESCRIPTION Written Description:** Describe the structure's shape, building materials, and exterior features in paragraph form. Specify types and colors of materials, the design or pattern of decorative ornament, and the arrangement of architectural elements. Also describe other features on the site such as outbuildings, decorative fences, sculpture, fountains, or landscape treatments that may add to the significance or historic character of the site. Briefly describe additions or alterations and non-historic features. Use continuation sheets, if necessary.
7. **SIGNIFICANCE Written Statement of Significance:** In a brief opening paragraph, enumerate the areas of significance previously checked and explain specifically why the site is important in each of these categories. In subsequent paragraphs, and on continuation sheets, if necessary, detail the history of the site and the people or events that have contributed to its significance. You may want to attach photocopies of documentation to support and further amplify your research.
8. **Major Bibliographical References:** Include major references. Use continuation sheets if necessary. Be sure to include publisher, city, and publication dates for books and edition dates for newspapers and periodicals.
9. **Property Description:** Indicate the acreage of the nominated property (if less than one acre, just say "less than one acre") and the legal property description from the deed or tax assessor's records.

**Return the form to:** Historic Preservation  
City Clerk's Office  
200 E. Wells St.  
Room B-4  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 286-5722



## HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION APPLICATION

### 1. Name

Historic: Wisconsin Consistory Building

and/or Common: Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center

### 2. Location

Street & number 790 North Van Buren Street, S.E. corner of East Wells Street

Aldersperson: Robert Bauman

District(s): 4

### 3. Classification

#### Category

☒ building(s)  
☒ structure  
☐ object  
☐ site

#### Ownership

☐ public  
☒ private  
☐ both

#### Present Use

☐ agricultural  
☐ commercial  
☐ educational  
☐ entertainment

☐ park  
☐ cemetery  
☐ religious  
☐ private-  
residence

☐ government  
☐ industrial  
☐ military  
☐ museum

☐ transportation  
☐ other  
fraternal  
ceremonial

### 4. Owner of Property

Name: Board of Trustees of Scottish Rite Bodies of Milwaukee

Street & number: 790 North Van Buren Street

City: Milwaukee

State WI

Zip 53202

### 5. Representation Existing Surveys

Inventory: Historic Designation Study Report by HPC - City of Milwaukee

Date: 1986

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

Depository for survey records:

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Street & number \_\_\_\_\_

City Milwaukee State WI Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Previous historic designation:

☒ National Register Date 09/26/1994 Name Wisconsin Consistory Building  
☐ City of Milwaukee Landmark Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other  
Name of Program \_\_\_\_\_ Date designated \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. DESCRIPTION

Condition:

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair  
☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins

Check one:

☒ original site  
☐ moved date  
☒ altered  
☐ unaltered

Building form:

Number of stories 2.5

Foundation:

☒ stone ☐ brick ☐ concrete block ☐ concrete  
☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

Roof:

gable ( ☐ flank ☐ end ☐ cross )  
gambrel ( ☐ flank ☐ end ☐ cross )  
☐ hip ☒ mansard ☐ flat  
☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

Walls:

☐ clapboard ☒ brick ☐ stucco ☐ stone ☐ wood shingle ☐ slate ☐ terra cotta  
☐ asphalt siding ☐ asbestos tile ☐ aluminum siding ☐ artificial stone ☒ other limestone-clad

Written description: (Continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

See previously filed application acted upon by the Historic Preservation Commission at its May 9, 2016 meeting.

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## 7. SIGNIFICANCE

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### Areas of significance:

<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<u>fraternal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	

**Date built or altered:** Originally built in 1889; altered in 1936

**Builder/architect:** Edward Townsend Mix (original 1889 building for Plymouth Congregational Church)  
Herbert W. Tullgren (1936 remodel for Scottish Rite Masons)

**Written statement of significance:** (continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

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## 8. Major Bibliographical References

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## 9. Property Description

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Acreage: Approx. 1 acre

Legal property description:

Tax Key: 3930461000

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## 10. Form Prepared By

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Street: 100 East Wisconsin Avenue Suite 3300

City: Milwaukee

State: WI

Zip: 53202

Telephone (days) 414-270-2735

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Date: 1/24/17

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