

4. Specific sign types (cont.)

4.6 Historical Markers

4.6.1 Definition

A historical marker is a sign indicating historical information (i.e. date of construction, early owners and builders, etc.) located on residential and commercial buildings.

4.6.2 Size

Historical markers shall be no larger than two (1) square foot. Signs shall be of a rectangular shape, or other shape approved by the HDC that is architecturally appropriate to the structure on which it is being placed.

4.6.3 Construction

Historical markers shall be constructed of wood with painted lettering. Bronze or other metal markers may be permitted with embossed lettering. Lettering and colors should be of a muted tone to respect the architecture of the buildings.

4.6.4 Placement

Historical markers shall be placed in such a way as to not obscure architectural features. Consideration should be made for the overall design of the structure and where a historical marker might best fit. Nantucket's simple design encourages discreet locations of these signs. The HDC recommends locations away from the main entrance and not placed high on the façade. Further consultation with staff or the Sign Advisory Council on this issue is encouraged.

4.6.5 Combinations

Historical markers may be, with permission of the HDC, combined with one (1) other historical marker on residential properties. Commercial properties may have the allowable combinations of other signs, plus one historical marker. As noted in section 2.1, all signs over 2' x 6", or use of more than one sign, must apply in advance to the Historic District Commission.

4.6.5 Off-premises business identification

If, in addition to presenting historical information, a historical marker identifies a business entity (other than the business tenant of the building, or which is shaped in a "logo" of a business entity, approval must be secured to overcome the off-premises sign prohibition contained in Section 3.9.

