

IMPORTANT: This is a general summary of zoning regulations for the “H” (Historical and Architectural Resources) designation in unincorporated Alameda County. It is not a complete or official guide to zoning regulations, policies or standards. For specific information, please contact the Planning Department at (510) 670-5410.

“H” District (Historical and Architectural Resources)

Objective/Intent	The “H” Historical and Architectural Resources designation in the Ashland Cherryland Business District (ACBD) Specific Plan is to recognize and protect sites and buildings that are cultural resources for the community. It is used to identify a place that, at the very least, has local archaeological, historical, or architectural significance. The designation serves to encourage the conservation of such places through rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, preservation and restoration.
Applicability	The “H” designations are not the result of a professional historical or architectural resources inventory and are based on the judgment of staff and local, amateur historians. The designation s should be revised when such professional cultural resources inventory is prepared, possibly as part of the General Plan update. The Ashland Cherryland Business District Specific Plan does not contain a preservation element, but the designation does reflect policies recognizing structures and places in the plan Area which have historical or cultural merit, and which serve as cultural resources for the community.
Land Use Regulations	The “H” designation is not a land use category. It does, however, mean that design review, through the Site Development Review process, is automatically required for any change, including painting, and that alternate codes for historic structures may be used in applying for any permits. The designation also applies to established landscaping, which cannot be removed or altered without design review. Site preparation and construction activities shall allow for adequate identification, documentation and, where appropriate, preservation of historic and archaeological artifacts and features.
Illustrative Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meek Estate • Holy Ghost Hall • San Lorenzo Pioneer Cemetery

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