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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Architectural Guidelines Open House on Jan. 9

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque is consolidating and updating its architectural guideline manuals. The public is invited to attend an open house on Thursday, Jan. 9, to learn more about the guidelines.

Architectural guidelines provide guidance for residents and property owners in making historically appropriate improvements to the exterior of their buildings. The guidelines are not requirements; rather they are a tool for residents wanting to learn more about historic buildings and best approaches toward their repair, maintenance and rehabilitation.

A significant update to the manual is incorporating design guidelines for sustainability. These guidelines explain how historic buildings were designed with many inherent sustainable features and how additional sustainable building practices might be appropriately added. These can be simple improvements to the building envelope or more involved changes such as solar panels.

The City of Dubuque Planning Services Department will host an open house Thursday, January 9,<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Aigler Auditorium of the Carnegie Stout Public Library, 360 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street. City Staff will be available to answer any questions and welcome comments. A presentation on the guidelines will be made at 5:30 p.m. with additional time for questions and comments immediately after.

Copies of the Draft City of Dubuque Architectural Guidelines will be available at the open house. They can also be obtained in advance from the City of Dubuque website at <http://www.cityofdubuque.org/architecturalguidelines>. The guidelines are also available at the City of Dubuque Planning Services Department, City Hall, 50 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

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