

**MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MARKERS ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 10 of 1955**

**399.155 Application; filing; form; attachments; fee; review; endorsement or denial of application.**

Sec. 5. (1) An application may be filed by 1 of the following persons or agencies:

(a) A person owning or in possession of a historic resource or site or a person having written consent from the owner or person in possession of a historic resource or site.

(b) A department or agency of this state or of a political subdivision of the state owning, controlling, or in possession of a historic resource or site.

(2) A person or agency may submit application to the center only on a form prescribed by and obtained from the center. The form shall include all requested information and be accompanied by the following attachments:

(a) Current images, as prescribed by the center.

(b) Documentation from a recognized and authoritative source acceptable to the center, supporting the historic significance of the historic resource. This documentation shall demonstrate the historic significance of the historic resource.

(c) Any additional documents required by the center.

(3) An application and all attachments submitted to the center under subsection (2) become the property of the state.

(4) An applicant other than an agency shall pay the center an application fee of \$250.00 at the time an application is submitted. The center may not process an application without this fee. The center shall deposit the fee in the historical marker fund created in section 9. The center shall refund the fee if the center decides the historic resource is not eligible for a historical marker.

(5) The center shall review each application for completeness and accuracy. The center's review may include verification of the accuracy of furnished information and the location of the historic resource or site. The center may require the applicant to furnish additional information considered necessary to complete the center's review of the application and attachments. Center representatives may visit the site if necessary.

(6) Submission of an application does not guarantee that a historic resource or site will receive an official Michigan historical marker. If the center concludes that the application meets the criteria for the placement of an official Michigan historical marker, the center shall endorse the application and prepare marker text for presentation to the commission. However, if the center concludes that the application fails to meet a criterion or another requirement for placement of a marker, the center shall notify the applicant of that decision in writing and shall specify the reason or reasons why the application is denied.

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**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties relating to promotion of history and the preservation of the state's historical resources to the department of natural resources, see E.R.O. No. 2009-26, compiled at MCL 399.752.