



**Black Heritage Council
of the
Alabama Historical Commission**

Policies for Approval of Black Heritage Council Historical Plaque

- All African-American historic sites that are at least 40 years old in the state are eligible to receive the BHC historical plaque.
- Applications will be reviewed by the BHC Historical Plaque Committee which is made up of the chair of the committee and not less than two other BHC members.
 - The committee meets quarterly to review applications except under circumstances deemed necessary by the chair of the committee.
- BHC members will attend plaque dedications upon request if schedule permits.
- All applications for a BHC historical plaque must include documentation or verification of the facts claimed with sources cited. If the property is already listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage, National Register of Historic Places or the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, additional information will not be required.
- **Only** African-American historical sites will be considered for the BHC historical plaque.
- Plaques cannot be ordered for individuals. It must be a place. The place **can** be important because of its association with an individual. For any questions about this, please contact BHC staff.
- Individuals or organizations requesting a BHC historical plaque for a cemetery have the option to purchase an Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) historical cemetery plaque available for the same cost as the BHC historical plaque. For information on purchasing a cemetery plaque, please contact the Cemetery Program Coordinator at 334/242-3184 or get information online at <http://preserveala.org/cemeteryprograms.aspx>.
- Properties or events already commemorated with an existing monument, marker or plaque may not be approved for a BHC historical plaque.
- All information received for the BHC historical plaque will be housed at the AHC main office unless otherwise designated by the Records Disposition Authority (RDA). Please do not send original information as it may not be returned.

For questions or to return plaque application, contact:

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