

Downtown Tyler

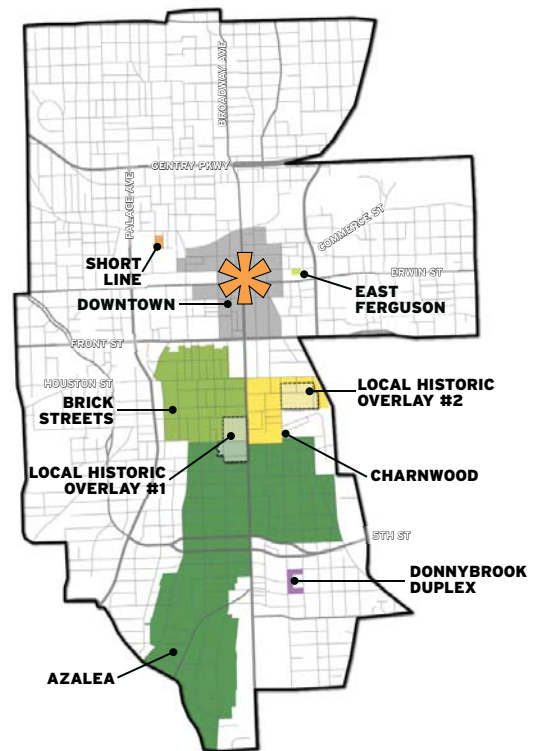
DOWNTOWN TYLER NATIONAL REGISTER LANDMARKS

In 2001, a Multiple Property nomination to the National Register was prepared by the City of Tyler for six Downtown Tyler commercial buildings. Given that latter day building developments from the 1970s and 1980s substantially impacted the historic and architectural integrity of the Town Square, especially on north and west sides, Downtown was not considered eligible as a National Register Historic District by the Texas Historical Commission. The seven individual buildings include several of the more architecturally distinguished buildings in Downtown representing architectural styles predominately from the early 20th Century. Although there are a number of other National Register Landmarks within the Downtown Tyler area, (see Figure 3.8 on the following page) the Multiple Property nomination considered only historic commercial resources.

NRHP-listed Landmarks (as of September 2016) within Downtown Tyler:

- 5 Blackstone Building (315 North Broadway Avenue)
- 18 Elks Club Building (202 South Broadway Avenue)
- 17 Jenkins-Harvey Super Service Station and Garage (124 South College)
- 4 Moore Grocery Company Building (408 North Broadway Avenue)
- 10 People's National Bank Building (102 North College Avenue)
- 9 Crescent Laundry (312-320 East Ferguson Street)
- 3 Tyler Candle Company (416 North Broadway)

Three of the Downtown National Register Landmarks, the Blackstone, Jenkins-Harvey, and People's National Bank buildings are outstanding examples of the Art Deco style, constructed at a time when Downtown commercial space was expanding during the East Texas Oil Boom. The Elks Club is a representative example of a more refined version of the International Style, adapted to a low-scale downtown environment. The Tyler Candle Company and Moore Grocery Store buildings are examples of the Commercial Style, an architectural development of the early 20th century where ornamentation was restrained in favor of a more forward expression of the building frame and materials.



Location map

FIGURE 3.8 DOWNTOWN TYLER HISTORIC LANDMARKS

