

There are 26 historical markers in Katy. The most common are Sesquicentennial markers which were installed in 1986. Local residents celebrating Texas 150th birthday identified some of our historic properties and erected the signs. The signs are almost 30 years old and some of the information is now incorrect.

When the Katy Heritage Society moved some of those buildings, we designed new City of Katy markers which were installed in 2006. You'll find those in front of our historic properties. There is also a city marker at the Katy Community Cemetery on Stockdick Road. The cemetery was listed as a State of Texas Historical Site in 2011. State markers cost over \$2,000 so the City of Katy installed a marker for Antioch Baptist Church, the owner of the cemetery.

There are three State of Texas Historical Markers. Two houses in Katy have been listed on the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Register of Historic Places. One of these is the Stewart House, which has a Sesquicentennial marker but no NRHP marker. The other is a private home, which does have a NRHP marker.

The Sesquicentennial and City of Katy markers have no official significance. They simply show that the building means something to Katy. The state and U.S. markers do allow the owners of those buildings some advantages when it comes to maintaining their property. For example, if local code requires or prohibits something important to maintaining historical significance, the official designation may allow the owner to do it anyway. This pertains to things like roof material, railing height, stair width and other elements that owners of historic homes struggle to save.

We've asked the City of Katy to adopt an ordinance to allow our older buildings to be recognized as official Local Historic Landmarks. Owners of our historic homes would be able to apply for the designation and if approved, would be able to restore and use their property without adhering to strict codes that require the expensive changes that change the integrity of the structure.

The Local Historic Landmark ordinance would allow this strictly voluntary designation to be used so more of our heritage properties could be used for commercial and residential purposes. Without it we fear we'll lose our landmarks because bringing them up to code is more expensive than tearing them down and building something new.

We hope the city will adopt the LHL, and urge you to ask your councilmember to support it.

CITY OF KATY MARKER LOCATIONS

Sesquicentennial Markers

Katy Bank Building - 5701 Second St.
Bartlett-Short House - 1722 East Ave.
Methodist Parsonage - 1218 Avenue A
Peck -Alexander House - 1113 Avenue B
Romack House - 5806 Fourth Street
Stewart-Lott House - 5704 Fourth Street
Wise - Cardiff House - 1303 Avenue C
Weller-Baird House - 5800 Fifth Street
Hubler-Pitts House - 5718 Fifth Street
Robertson-Motheral House - 5518 Fifth Street
Morrison-Freeman House - 5592 Fifth Street
Wilkerson-Schneider House - 2009 Avenue D
Tucker Rent House – Franz Road
Sesquicentennial sign - Katy Heritage Park

City of Katy Markers (made with city logo and installed in the new parks in 2006)

Katy Heritage Park - 5990 George Bush Drive (each house has its own marker and there is one for the park itself)

Stockdick House

Featherston House

Wright House

Humble Mess Hall

Katy Post Office

Tradition Bank Bandstand

MKT Depot - 5615 First Street

Katy Community Cemetery - Stockdick Rd. @ FM 1463

National Register of Historic Places Marker

Woods House - 610 Woods Lane

Stewart Lott House - 5402 Fourth St is listed but does not have a marker

State of Texas Historical Marker

City of Katy - 5200 Second St.

First Baptist Church of Katy - 600 Pin Oak

First United Methodist Church of Katy – Ave. A & 5th