

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Lake City City Hall
and/or common Lake City City Hall

2. Location

street & number 205 West Center Street not for publication
city, town Lake City vicinity of congressional district First
state Minnesota code 22 county Wabasha code 157

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Lake City
street & number 205 West Center Street
city, town Lake City vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds - Wabasha County Courthouse
street & number
city, town Wabasha state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1972 federal state county local
depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House
city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The City Hall in Lake City is located on a large corner lot southwest of the main business district. The two-story irregular plan building, constructed in 1899, utilizes an eclectic combination of Romanesque and Queen Anne features. Wall material is of red brick, with limestone used on the rusticated foundation, water table, window lintels, and entrance arches. Romanesque detailing includes semi-circular arched windows and doorways, gable coping and corbelling, and a four-level tower with three recessed, arched porthole windows and an open belfry capped by a pyramidal roof. Queen Anne detailing features a flat brick facade, asymmetrical placement of design elements, tripartite and paired windows with glass transom panels, bullseye windows with keystones, fluted chimneys, gable returns, brackets, dentils and finials. The interior retains original brass hardware and oak woodwork. At the time of its construction, the city hall housed city offices, library, and fire department on the first floor, and a second floor hall served as an opera hall and later as an auditorium. Presently the entire building is used for city offices. Alterations to the building include the 1945 construction of a one story brick jail addition to the northwest side of the building and the installation of modern garage doors in the former fire department wing. The building remains in an excellent and well-maintained condition.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1899

Builder/Architect Robert White

Architect: E. Alexander

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lake City City Hall is significant as one of the most architecturally prominent public building in the community and as the governmental center for the city from 1899 to the present. Housing council chambers, library, opera hall, and fire department, the building served as the political and cultural center of the community. The quality of its design and its high degree of architectural integrity combine to make the city hall an unusually prominent public building and an excellent example of late 19th century city hall construction.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Lake City City Council. City Council Minutes. 1882-1975.

10. Geographical Data

AREA NOT VERIFIED

Acree of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Lake City

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

1	5	5	5	8	3	7	5	4	9	2	1	6	0	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B

Zone	Easting				Northing									

C

Zone	Easting				Northing									

D

Zone	Easting				Northing									

E

Zone	Easting				Northing									

F

Zone	Easting				Northing									

G

Zone	Easting				Northing									

H

Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 1 & NW 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 33 in the City of Lake City.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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date January 1981

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city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

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title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5/4/81