

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Canon City Municipal Building (5 FN596)

and/or common Municipal Building

2. Location

street & number 612 Royal Gorge Boulevard^{Blvd.} n/a not for publication

city, town Canon City n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county Fremont 043 code

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	n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" 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 Canon City

street & number P. O. Box 711

city, town Canon City n/a vicinity of state Colorado

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Fremont County Clerk and Recorder Office

street & number 601 Macon Avenue,

city, town Canon City state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date May 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society, Preservation Office

city, town Denver state Colorado

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 Municipal Building, located in the downtown area of Canon City, is a two-story brick structure constructed in 1927 in the style Moderne. The building has an H-plan and is symmetrical in form.

The building is somewhat severe in appearance and given a formality by a two-story terra cotta portico supported by four reeded piers enclosing the recessed entrance area. The cornice of the entablature (with dentils in the center section) extends around the advanced pavilions, giving the building a classical feeling. The brick surface of the pavilions is relieved by three ornamental terra-cotta rectangular blocks placed just under the cornice and set on a terra cotta band which extends across the slightly raised center section. On the first floor, in the center of each flanking pavilion, is a window with terra cotta surround and panel underneath.

The entryway is through transomed double doors. The second floor of the center unit contains three two-light windows with a wide terra cotta band with ornamental panels underneath. The slightly sloping hipped roofs of the projecting pavilions relieve the flatness of the roofline. Adding to the formality of this public building is the two-tiered stepped approach.

Much of the interior configuration and trim survives. The entryway and staircase on the first floor and basement are unaltered. Original lighting fixtures, wrought iron work and arched passages still remain in these public spaces. Windows with dark oak trim, doors and hardware survive throughout the building. Alterations include some changes in the offices and the ceilings have been lowered.

The two sides of the building are without ornamentation, the surface broken by five evenly spaced windows at the first level.

Adding to the classical composition of the structure is its siting on a slight rise and the approach composed of two flights of steps.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1927 **Builder/Architect** Eugene Groves

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Municipal Building in Canon City is architecturally significant as one of the best examples of Moderne styling in the city.

Designed by Eugene Groves (listed in the Denver business directories for the period 1914-1940s) and erected in 1927, the low brick building is classical in composition, but Moderne in its plain surfaces and two dimensional detailing. The facade is dominated by the recessed entrance area which is defined by four columns. The flanking pavilions are cubic units punctuated by a single bay. Simple terra cotta ornamentation complete the facade.¹

There are less than five known buildings in the Moderne or Art Deco style in the city. The Municipal Building is not only one of the most prominent of those examples, but also the least altered.

¹From information provided by Mary Taylor, Cultural Resource Inventory form for the Municipal Building, 1981.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Plaque on Building & testimony of Ruth Steinmeyer, Asst. Curator City Museum.

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites, "Municipal Building" CPO, Denver, Colorado.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.2 acres

Quadrangle name Canon City

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

SE corner of Royal Gorge Blvd. & 6th, Lots 3 thru & including 12, Block 1, Original Plat of Canon City, Fremont County, Colorado.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization City of Canon City/CPO

date 2/28/83

street & number P.O.Box 711 (612 Royal Gorge Blvd.)

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city or town Canon City

state Colorado 81212

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Barbara Sudler

title State Historic Preservation Officer (Acting)

date July 11, 1983

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 8/18/83

Melrose Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration