



## 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 Hibbing City Hall is prominently situated on a densely wooded one-block parcel within the central business district of Hibbing, Minnesota. The grounds on three sides of the building are developed as a public park whereas the rear area provides parking for employees and official vehicles. (This latter area has been paved with asphalt).

Erected in 1922, the three story brick Hibbing City Hall embodies many elements of the then popular Georgian Revival style, a style which found favor in residential, institutional, and civic architecture. Its facades are symmetrically arranged into district bays, emphasis being placed on the central recessed entry bays. These bays are accentuated by two story Ionic columns, a modillioned pediment and cornice, and en-framed by two single-bay pavilions. Corners are quoined with raised brickwork and panels, frames, friezes, and watertables are of gray stone. Cartouches adorn the segmental pediments above the pavilions.

The most dominant architectural feature of the design is a centrally positioned, square clock tower which rises a full three stories above the principal mass of the building. Corners of the tower are quoined with gray stone to highlight the red brick shaft. The clock-story is embellished with a balustrade at the base, Ionic pilasters at the corners, and segmental pediments directly beneath a squat polygonal dome. The clock has four faces, one on each facade.

The Hibbing City Hall regains original fenestration in the form of twelve-over-twelve double hung sash. Modern aluminum storm windows have been added.

A two story rectangular brick addition has been made to the northeast corner of the rear facade. It is in keeping with the original architectural style in its incorporation of a banded brick ground level, stonewater table, and multi-paned sash.

## 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1922

**Builder/Architect** Holstead and Sullivan

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Hibbing City Hall is significant both as one of the most architecturally distinctive buildings in northern Minnesota and as the seat of municipal government for nearly sixty years of one of the Iron Range's largest communities. Erected in 1922 the City Hall is an excellent example of the then popular Georgian Revival style. Architects Holstead and Sullivan conceived a building which embodied a refined combination of Georgian elements, including a centrally positioned clock tower, symmetrical facades, multi-paned windows, a red brick body with grey stone highlights, two story ionic columns supporting a modillioned pediment and cornice, and a formal, classicized entry. The building is a highly visible structure within the community and one of the most formally designed buildings in the area. The building is significant also as tangible evidence of the relocation and redevelopment of Hibbing. (The town of Hibbing was originally located some distance away, but re-located at the request of mining companies when rich iron ore deposits were discovered to be located under it.) Constructed on land donated by one of the major mining companies (Warren Mining Company), the building and architecture reflect the efforts of the mining company and the community's citizens to create in the "new" Hibbing a community of model proportions and appearance. The tension between the two factions which preceded the relocation and which persisted for many years thereafter over such issues as the taxation of mine land is not revealed in the building's sedate architecture.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Lorraine De Millo, The Move of North Hibbing (1977); Gebhard and Martinson, A Guide to the Architecture of Minnesota (1974).

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than 1  
 Quadrangle name Hibbing, MN

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Hibbing City Hall is located on Lot 1, Block 9, Central Addition, Hibbing, Minnesota.

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles Skrief, Assistant State Historic Preservation Officer

organization Minnesota Historical Society date September 10, 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue telephone 612-296-9070

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*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 10/14/80

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

*Beth Grosvenor*  
 Keeper of the National Register

date 9/12/81

Attest:

*Linda Flint McCelland*

date 9/2/81

Chief of Administration

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman  
11/19/89

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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Note: These changes apply to  
City Hall in St. Louis County,  
Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 81000683

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: St. Louis

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Hibbing City Hall

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal  
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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988  
Date