

A Look Back in Time

The Frost House, located at 6408 Third Avenue, was originally designated as a landmark, and became a Historical Residence in 1994.

Section 15.04 of the City's Zoning Ordinance establishes standards for designating structures and sites as historic and the site or structure must meet at least one of these standards. It was determined that The Frost House is architecturally significant under Standard 1, "Exemplifies or reflects the City's cultural, social, economic, political, engineering and/or architectural history". Standard 2, "Is identified with historic personages or with important events in the City's history". And Standard 6, "Historic structure or site which is on the National or State Register of Historic Places"



This simple Colonial Revival house was built in 1913. It is a two and one-half story frame structure with a steeply-pitched, side-gabled roof and projecting shed-roofed dormers. Window openings are symmetrically placed on the facades and are simple six-over-one sashes, often paired, and decorated with non-functional shutters. The main entrance features a fine fanlight and is covered by a simple gable-roofed porch, supported by two square posts. There is an exterior end chimney and a one-story sun room on the south facade of the building.

The house was built for Walter J. Frost of the Frost Manufacturing Company, an important industry in twentieth century Kenosha. Walter J. Frost and his father were both executives with the Badger Brass Company in Kenosha before the Frost Manufacturing Company was founded in 1902. In 1910, Walter J. Frost took over the company that produced brass goods, primarily for the plumbing industry.

The business of the Frost Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1902, with C. N. Frost as the president and Walter J. Frost as the secretary and treasurer. They took over the plant of the old Badger Brass Manufacturing Company, which was situated at Elizabeth and Pleasant streets, and there they continued in business for ten years, when they sold the plant to the American Brass Company, erecting a new plant for their own use at Fremont Avenue and Strong Street.

