

**HISTORIC RESOURCE: GLENDALE CITY HALL**

**LOCATION: 613 East Broadway**

**OWNERSHIP: Public**

**USE: Government**

**LAND AREA:**

**ZONE: C2**

**DESIGNATION: Glendale Register**

**YEAR BUILT: 1940**

**STYLE: Art Deco**

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

Glendale City Hall was designed by Alfred Hansen and built in three stages in 1940 by the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) as part of a national program that produced hundreds of local landmarks nationwide while stimulating the design and construction industries. Glendale's City Hall is a typical example of the style that evolved from the program, a hybrid of Art Deco design overlaid with Beaux Arts regularity, symmetry and monumentality. It is a highly recognizable look, which instantly places a building in the decade prior to World War II.

The Glendale City Hall has served as the seat of city government since its opening in 1942. Despite modernization, the Broadway façade retains its architectural integrity, and continues to function as a symbol of the city and a centerpiece of the civic center.

In 1955 and 1977 the City Hall and civic center were remodeled and expanded. On the façade of City Hall the most visible change was to the windows, which were reglazed. Complete remodeling, under the influence of the International Style, has changed the rear (north) elevation so that it complements the 1965 Municipal Services Building, designed by A.C.

Martin and Associates, FAIA, in association with Merrill W. Baird, AIA. The entire complex of city buildings revolves around a landscaped area known as Parcher Plaza.

This building is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

