

Activities Requiring Approval in Historic Districts

If your property is located within a historic district or is an individually designated historic structure, it is necessary to receive approval before proceeding with any exterior alteration, construction activity or site improvement that will be visible from a public way. Following is a list of activities requiring review.

Alterations and Repair

- Window and door replacement, including storm windows/screens.
- Removal and/or replacement of architectural detailing (for example porch spindles and columns, railings, window moldings, and cornices).
- Porch or stair replacement or construction of new porches.
- Installation or replacement of siding.
- Masonry work, including repointing, waterproofing, sandblasting, chemical cleaning, painting where the masonry has never been painted, or conversely, removal of paint where the masonry historically has been painted, chimney removal and chimney caps.
- Installation or replacement of either roofing or gutters.
- Alteration of accessory structures such as garages, barns, and carriage houses.

Additions and New Construction

- New Construction, including outbuildings such as sheds and garages.
- Building additions, including rooftop additions, dormers or decks.
- Construction of accessory structures.
- Installation of exterior access stairs or fire escapes.
- Installation of antennas and satellite receiving dishes.
- Installation of solar collectors.
- Rooftop mechanicals.

Exterior Utilities and Signs

- All exterior equipment, such as mechanical, plumbing and electrical – vents, wall caps, meters, piping, tanks, fans, sprinkler connections, condensers, conduit, light fixtures, speakers, cameras, etc., where placed on or near clearly visible facades.
- Installation or alteration of any exterior sign, awning, or related lighting.

Site Alterations

- Installation or modification of site features other than vegetation – including fencing, retaining walls, driveways, paving and re-grading.

Moving and Demolition

- Moving of structures or objects on the same site or to another site.
- Any demolition or relocation of a landmark or contributing structure within a district.

