

What are Certificates of Appropriateness (COA)?

A Certificate of Appropriateness is required for projects that would alter the exterior appearance of a property designated as a local landmark or a property located in a local historic district.

A COA is not required for exterior paint colors, interior alterations, ordinary maintenance and repair that does not involve a change in material or design, and any change to a portion of buildings and sites not visible from the public right-of-way.

Land use is not regulated by a COA.

These items require an approved COA:

- Construction & reconstruction, including fences
- Alteration, additions, restoration, relocation of structures and rehabilitation
- Signage
- Construction or reconstruction of a parking lot
- Demolition
- Establishment or alteration of lighting, furniture, and seating plans, and/or awnings and umbrellas within public right-of-ways

The COA Process

