

Landscaping and Site Improvements

Staff Letter - No Certificate Necessary:

1. Installation or removal of plant materials on the property of existing buildings provided (for removal) that it is not required in a previously issued Certificate of Appropriateness.
2. Planting or removal of trees.
3. Installation or removal of plant materials on vacant or side lots.
4. Maintenance, including pruning trees and thinning plants.
5. Borders on planting beds in a front yard or side lot that are low and inconspicuous (excluding landscape timbers and railroad ties exceeding 2" in height).
6. The following items, when confined to the back yard:
 - a) Borders on planting beds.
 - b) Children's play equipment under seven (7) feet tall.
 - c) Dog houses.
 - d) Objects of artistic or cultural significance (such as sculpture), not exceeding 6 feet in height.
 - e) Fountains and small decorative pools.
 - f) Barbecue pits.
 - g) Garden furniture less than six (6) feet tall.
8. Grading and filling yards consistent with surrounding grades.
9. Small yard accessories confined to a back yard and not visible to a public way.
10. Any yard amenity, except storage sheds, that does NOT require a concrete foundation or a substantial anchor that penetrates the ground more than six inches.

Staff Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Storage sheds of less than 144 square feet and in a back yard made of wood, and appropriately painted.
2. Patios and decks with railings, in a back yard, not higher than the foundation and not projecting beyond either side of the building.

Commission Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Decks and patios not confined to the back yard that project beyond either side of the building, or are higher than the foundation.
2. In-and above ground swimming pools.
3. Accessory structures such as large storage sheds, gazebos, and greenhouses.
4. Fountains, decorative pools, arbors, and large yard accessories not confined to back yards.
5. Any action deemed inappropriate by Staff.
6. Development and landscaping of public or private parks.
7. Any flagpole over six (6) feet tall.
8. Any yard amenity that requires a concrete foundation or a substantial anchor that penetrates the ground more than six inches.