

Streets, Sidewalks, Steps, Driveways, and Curbs

Staff Letter - No Certificate Necessary:

1. Resurfacing, repair, or repainting of a street or alley with material, pattern, and dimensions to match the original.
2. Repair or replacement of an existing driveway, sidewalk, or steps on private property, provided.
 - a) New materials are the same dimensions, type and location as the original.
 - b) Expansion joints, control joints, and edges on concrete surfaces are hand troweled (no saw cuts).
 - c) Concrete surfaces of walks and drives have the lightest possible broom finish. Strokes must be in straight lines with no curves or swirls or match the adjacent finish.
3. New sidewalks, steps, and handrails (not exceeding thirty-two (32) inches) in back yards.
4. Removal of concrete sidewalks on private property, if location next to the building interferes with drainage or if location affects a mature tree.
5. Alteration or removal of a driveway in a backyard.

Staff Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Replacement of any deteriorated drive, steps, sidewalk, or curb in the public right-of-way provided:
 - a) New materials are of the same dimensions, type, and location as the original.
 - b) Expansion joints, control joints, and edges on concrete surfaces are hand troweled.
 - c) Concrete surfaces of walks and drives have the lightest possible broom finish. Strokes must be straight with no curves or swirls, and perpendicular to the street on public sidewalks.
2. Handrails on private sidewalks in a front yard.
3. Handicap ramps constructed of wood, appropriately located and painted, and constructed so there is no damage to any historic fabric or surface.
4. Using historic bricks or bricks of the dimension, texture, and color of historic bricks in the sidewalk parks or for sidewalks in the front of homes.

Commission Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. New driveways, street curbs, or front yard sidewalks and steps where none previously existed.
2. Alteration, realignment, or removal of a driveway, curb, or front yard sidewalk and steps including removal of historic stone steps, sidewalks, and sidewalk curbs.
3. Fixtures placed by any private party in the public right-of-way or on private front yards for the use of the public; such as vending machines, phone booths, benches, and bus shelters.
4. Any action deemed inappropriate by Staff.
5. Removal, construction, or alteration of streets, alleys, or curbs.
6. Handicap ramps constructed of any material other than wood.

Streets, Sidewalks, Steps, Driveways, and Curbs (cont.)

Recommended:

1. Using historic bricks or bricks of the dimension, texture, and color of historic bricks in the sidewalk parks or for sidewalks in the front of homes.

Not recommended:

1. Using patio bricks or other bricks or blocks that do not have the dimensions or color of historic bricks in the sidewalk park or for any use in the front of a house.