

# Utilities, Mechanical Equipment, and Communication Equipment

## **Staff Letter - No Certificate Necessary:**

1. Removal of any utility pole.
2. Installation of any distribution pole on an alley to accommodate the burial of utilities.
3. Replacement of any distribution pole or transmission pole with a new pole of like kind.
4. Burial of electrical, telephone, and television cables.
5. Window air-conditioning units requiring no alteration to the window or opening.
6. Air-conditioning equipment and meter boxes on the rear of the house or enclosed by an approved back yard fence, and not visible from the street.
7. Heating, cooling, and ventilation equipment on flat roofs if the equipment is not visible from the ground.
8. Replacement of heating, cooling, and ventilation equipment on flat roofs if the equipment is not visible from the ground.
9. Electric, telephone, and television cables installed above ground (and at the back of the building), servicing buildings to which underground distribution does not currently exist.
10. Exterior surface-mounted vents such as those for dryers, furnaces, heaters, bathrooms, or kitchens if not larger than one square foot and not visible from the street.
11. Replacement of heating, cooling, and ventilation at sites previously used for these purposes.

## **Staff Level Certificate of Appropriateness:**

1. Any utility and mechanical equipment located in a front or side yard but not visible from a public way.
2. The installation of through-the-wall air conditioners on non-significant facades.

## **Commission Level Certificate of Appropriateness:**

1. Utilities, communications equipment (i.e. satellite dishes), or mechanical equipment requiring alteration to an existing building, except as allowed above.
2. Any utility and mechanical equipment visible from the street.
3. Any action deemed inappropriate by Staff.
4. Utility poles at new locations or replacement with one of a different material or height greater than the previously installed pole.

# Utilities, Mechanical Equipment, and Communication Equipment (cont.)

## **Not Recommended:**

1. Externally applied electric, telephone, and cable lines.
2. Satellite dishes with a circumference more than three feet.
3. Satellite dishes mounted on a historic façade, roof, or in a yard that is subject to view from a public way.

**NOTE:** The Commission may require that electrical, telephone, and television cables be buried underground on rehabilitation projects, and on all new construction of principal buildings.

**NOTE:** Utility service must be located underground when underground service is available.