

§ 250-34. Development within the Historic Resources Overlay (HR-O) District.

Before any improvements are made on any public or private property or public place within the Historic Resources Overlay (HR-O) District, the projects must be first reviewed and approved and a certificate of appropriateness issued by the Planning Commission. No building permits shall be issued nor shall any encroachment on public places be permitted until such approval is granted.

A. Within the Historic Resources Overlay (HR-O) District, the following shall be submitted to the Planning Commission for review and approval in its consideration of a certificate of appropriateness:

- (1) Plans for new buildings, structures or signs.
- (2) Plans for the renovation, rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing buildings, structures or signs.
- (3) Site and planting plans for any playground, park, parking lot or parking structure.
- (4) Sketches, models, drawings of any sculpture, statuary, fountains, monuments or historical markers.
- (5) Decorative or memorial plaques.
- (6) Signs of any kind on public property.
- (7) Illustrations or examples of street furniture, such as lampposts, street signs, benches, trash receptacles, kiosks and other similar items.

B. In reviewing the plans, the Planning Commission shall give consideration to:

- (1) The historical or architectural value and significance of the structure and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area.
- (2) The general compatibility of exterior design, arrangement, texture and materials proposed to be used.
- (3) Any other factor, including aesthetic, which it deems pertinent.

C. The Planning Commission shall pass only on exterior features of a structure and shall not consider interior arrangements, nor shall it disapprove applications except in regard to considerations as set forth in the previous subsection or as otherwise provided by this chapter. The Planning Commission may establish, subject to regulations it may promulgate, an advisory committee to assist in the determination of the appropriateness of development proposed within the HR-O District.