

## REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Under Monroe's Historic Preservation ordinance, you are required to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for any exterior material change you wish to make to your property if your property is located within a historic district, or if the change would affect property in a historic district. Please see pages 3 and 4, Definitions.

The following steps must be taken in order to have your proposed change considered by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

1. Stop by the Code Office at least 10 working days in advance of the next regular meeting of the HPC (the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm), read the Historic Preservation Ordinance, and request that your proposal be added to the agenda.
2. Fill out the application for a COA and turn it in to the Code Office.
3. Pay the \$10.00 fee. If you request a "special meeting" at some date or time (other than the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month), the fee is \$50.00. If you are requesting to demolish Historic property, the fee is \$50.00 on the regular scheduled meeting.
4. Provide all documentation which will assist the HPC in deciding if your proposed change(s) are in keeping with the historic district standards and guidelines. The more complete your presentation, the more efficiently your request can be handled. Please see the COA application for additional information.

Suggested documentation consists of all architectural drawings, sketches, pictures, diagrams, or actual examples. All documentation should be turned in to the Code Office at the time of your application, as it gives HPC members time to consider your request prior to the meeting. Physical samples, if applicable, should be brought with you to the meeting.

5. Appear at the meeting on the scheduled day and time to present your proposal.

Thank you, the HPC looks forward to considering your request.

**Please read the following directions for completing the Request for COA Application.**

Attach photograph(s) of existing condition of property necessary to show all areas affected.

Attach plans, sketches, drawings, and diagrams of the project and detail the materials that will be used.

Provide such other information that is necessary for the HPC to adequately consider the application in light of the following criteria.

In reviewing applications for COAs, the HPC's duties include taking into account the historic and architectural significance of the structure and maintaining maps showing the historic and architectural significance of structures in the Historic Districts.

In its review, the HPC shall also take into account the following elements to ensure that the exterior form and appearance of the structure is consistent with the historical and visual character of the District:

1. The height of the building in relation to the average height of the nearest adjacent and opposite buildings;
2. The setback and placement of the building on the lot in relation to the average setback and placement of the nearest adjacent and opposite building;
3. Exterior construction materials, including textures and patterns.
4. Architectural detailing, such as lintels, cornices, brick bond, and foundation materials;
5. Roof shapes, forms, and materials;
6. Proportions, shapes, positioning and locations, patterns and sizes of any elements of fenestration.

The **Code Office** will post a notice which will notify all affected property owners of the material change being requested not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the request for a COA is to be considered. The applicant and the affected property owners will be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting in which the application is presented.

**DEFINITIONS:**

A "material change in appearance" means a change that will affect either the exterior architectural or environmental features of a historic property or any structure, site, or work of art within a historic district, and may include any one or more of the following:

1. A reconstruction or alteration of the size, shape, or façade, including any of the architectural elements or details;
2. Demolition;
3. Commencement of excavation for construction purposes;
4. A change in the location of advertising visible from the public right-of-way; and
5. The erection, alteration, restoration, or removal of any building or other structure within a historic property or district, including walls, fences, steps and pavements, or other appurtenant features.

[Sec. 8-4-2(f)]

“Exterior architectural features” means the architectural style, general design, and general arrangement of the exterior of a building or other structure, including but not limited to, the kind or texture of the building material and the type and style of all windows, doors, signs, and other appurtenant architectural fixtures, features, details, or elements relative to the foregoing [Sec. 8-4-2(b)].

“Exterior environmental features” means all those aspects of the landscape or the development of the site which affect the historical character of the property [Sec. 8-4-2(c)].

Ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature in or on a historic property that does not involve a material change in design, material, or outer appearance is excluded from review. [Sec. 8-4-81]

**I acknowledge that I have read this material and will abide by the ordinances set forth.**

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS  
MONROE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**Please read the Historic Preservation Ordinance (Code Sections 8-4-1 through 8-4-91). In addition, please consult with the Code Office to determine if any other Monroe ordinances apply, and if applicable, read those ordinances.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY OWNER:** \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Brief description of project: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)

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Applicant

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Date

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