



Historic District Commission

Staff Communication – Administrative Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness Applications

Summary Report

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The following Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications have been reviewed and approved by Planning Department staff as of April 25, 2025:

Project#/Address	Description of Work	Approval Authority (page 9-11 of the Chapel Hill Historic Districts Design Principles & Standards)	Chapel Hill Historic Districts Design Principles & Standards	Date Approved
#HDC-25-7 702 E. Franklin Street	Installation of an electric vehicle charger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mechanical equipment, such as HVAC units and generators, located in rear or side yards not visible from the street and screened by vegetation or fences.	3.9.7. Locate new mechanical equipment, utilities, and sustainable site features—including air-conditioning and heating units, meters, exposed pipes, rain barrels or cisterns, and raised planting beds—in locations that are minimally visible from the street and do not alter or remove historic fabric from the building or do not diminish or compromise the overall character of the building, site, or district. Screen ground-level equipment from view with vegetation or fencing.	April 17, 2025
#HDC-25-2 698 Gimghoul Road	Installation of Google fiber in the public right-of-way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mechanical equipment, such as HVAC units and generators, located in rear or side yards not visible from the street and screened by vegetation or fences.	<p>1.2.7. Locate necessary street furniture, trash receptacles, mailboxes, newspaper racks, and similar elements in locations that do not compromise, but instead complement the historic character of the streetscape. Select benches and other street furniture that are compatible with the historic district in design, scale, and materials.</p> <p>1.2.8. Minimize the introduction of additional transformers, utility poles, wires, and cables in the public rights-of-way. Seek less intrusive locations for such elements to reduce their impact on the mature tree canopy and the historic streetscape. Consider painting equipment and exposed utilities to complement mounting surfaces or screening them with vegetation to reduce their visibility. Consider the introduction of underground utility lines where feasible.</p>	01.29.2025
#HDC-25-1	Installation of Google fiber in the public right-of-way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mechanical equipment, such as HVAC units and generators, located in rear or side yards not visible from	1.2.7. Locate necessary street furniture, trash receptacles, mailboxes, newspaper racks, and similar elements in locations that do not compromise, but instead complement the	01.28.2025

510-520 Hooper Lane and 105 S. Boundary Street		<p>the street and screened by vegetation or fences.</p>	<p>historic character of the streetscape. Select benches and other street furniture that are compatible with the historic district in design, scale, and materials.</p> <p>1.2.8. Minimize the introduction of additional transformers, utility poles, wires, and cables in the public rights-of-way. Seek less intrusive locations for such elements to reduce their impact on the mature tree canopy and the historic streetscape. Consider painting equipment and exposed utilities to complement mounting surfaces or screening them with vegetation to reduce their visibility. Consider the introduction of underground utility lines where feasible.</p>	
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