

York Historical Architectural Review Board

Types of HARB Reviews

Exemptions:

- Any work not visible from a public right-of-way (street or alley)
- Exterior painting (EXCEPTION: Painting currently unpainted masonry surfaces does require HARB review.)
- Freestanding objects such as statues, flagpoles, lampposts, clocks, street furniture, etc.
- In-kind repair or replacement of roofing material
- Routine maintenance activities that require no change in materials or design
- Satellite dishes, antennas, mailboxes, detached mechanical units, and window air conditioning units (NOTE: Please also refer to Council Session 2006, Bill No. 23, Ordinance No. 22)
- Sidewalks, parking lots, patios, detached planter boxes, and other landscaping items
- Temporary banners
- Utility work including telephone, water, gas, and electric lines and boxes unless the proposed location would adversely affect a building's main facade

Staff Reviews (work approved by HARB Consultant):

- Chimney caps
- Fencing except along the main facade of the building or main street
- Gutters and downspouts
- In-kind repair, replacement or rebuilding of everything except windows, doors, and roofing.
- Mechanical vents installed through wall or roof surfaces
- Repair, repointing, and paint removal/pressure cleaning of brick, stone, cast stone, concrete block, terra cotta, structural glass, tile, and other masonry surfaces
- Shutters, window grates, planters attached to the building, and light fixtures
- Signs unless very large or unusual/controversial in some way
- Storm windows and storm doors

Case Reviews (work approved by the Review Board at a HARB meeting):

- Awnings
- Demolition or partial demolition of buildings or structures
- Facade restoration
- Fencing along the main facade of the building or main street
- Installation of new or different roofing material
- Installation of new or different siding material over walls, trim, soffits, porch ceilings, etc.
- Mechanical vents installed through windows or doors
- New additions including dormers, rooms, stair and elevator towers, etc.
- New construction including buildings, garages, sheds, gazebos, kiosks, etc.
- New or replacement steps, railings, porches, decks, handicap-access ramps, and fire escapes
- New storefronts
- Replacement of windows, doors, trim, and any other architectural features
- Total building rehabilitation
- Very large or unusual/controversial signs
- Walls and retaining walls

- Any other type of work not listed under Exemptions or Staff Reviews