

Minor Classes of Work

Exterior changes that do not involve substantial alterations, additions, or removals that could impair the integrity of the historic building or site.

***Please note:* Most of the items listed below still require the submittal of a building permit application. The application will be reviewed by the Heritage Preservation Commission staff liaison, the City Planner, prior to any building permit approvals.**

Windows & Doors

1. Replacement of window glass (but not window frame)
2. Window replacement that matches the proportion, profile, light configuration, material, and overall appearance of the original window, on elevations visible from a public street and appropriate in general appearance when not visible from a public street
3. Installation of storm windows that have been painted or have a baked enamel finish (providing color matches window trim or is appropriate for the house)
4. Door replacement that matches original door opening
5. Replacement of access doors that cannot be easily seen from the street
6. Replacement, repair, or installation of storm or screen doors that are constructed of wood and stained in natural wood color or painted in a color to match the house or trim
7. Caulking & weather stripping

Roof & Gutters

1. Replacement of asphalt or fiberglass roof shingles similar to the original shingle material and shape, and a color compatible with house color
2. Replacement of slate, shake, tile or metal roof coverings where there is no change to material
3. Replacement of existing gutters & downspouts as long as the new gutters have a similar profile as those being replaced and blend with the house color scheme
4. Installation of roof and basement ventilators (only if roof vents are on back slope)
5. Removal of skylights
6. Addition of new gutters that are compatible with the house

Masonry & Siding

1. Repointing and other masonry repairs when the color and composition of the mortar matches the original or existing masonry
2. Replacement of missing or deteriorated siding (except vinyl or aluminum in place of original siding) and trim that matches existing trim detail
3. Total removal of exterior asbestos, asphalt, or other artificial siding when the original masonry or siding are to be repaired and repainted

Architectural Features & Details

1. Exterior painting (except masonry, unless already painted) using colors compatible with other historic buildings within the City of Chaska
2. Repair or replacement of porch floors, ceilings, columns, and balustrades, or other architectural features with new materials that match original features in details

3. Repair or replacement of exterior stairs or steps which are made of masonry or painted wood designed to blend in with the house and are compatible with other historic buildings within the City of Chaska
4. Repair or replacement of awnings, canopies, or shutters when there is no change in design, materials, or appearance
5. Installation of house numbers and mailboxes that are compatible with the original in style, size, and material
6. Repair or replacement of building architectural details when there is no change in design, materials, or appearance

Building Additions

1. Additions not visible from the street
2. Addition of exterior stairs and decks (first floor only) that are not easily seen from a street and designed and painted to blend with the character of the house

Accessory Buildings

1. Accessory building that is not easily visible from the street, such as storage sheds, kennels, etc.
2. Satellite dishes & antennas not visible from the street (excluding antennas that would qualify as a special use per the Zoning Ordinance, i.e. cellular/ham radio)

Demolition

1. Removal of deteriorated accessory buildings which are not original to the site or not otherwise historically significant
2. Removal of incompatible minor alterations

Fences, Retaining Walls, Patios, Walkways & Lighting

1. Repairs to existing fences, retaining walls, patios, walkways and driveways
2. Installation of ground level walkways and patios
3. Construction or replacement of brick or stone retaining walls
4. New building lighting fixtures
5. Repair of existing yard lighting fixtures

Structural & Mechanical

1. Installation of permanent mechanical and utility equipment including heating and air conditioning units which cannot easily be seen from the street or are screened from view with shrubbery or appropriate fencing
2. Repair or replacement of masonry foundations where the original foundation material is retained or where new material matches the original; installation of metal foundation vents (on the side and rear only)