

**STRATFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Certificate of Appropriateness Application**

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**IMPORTANT:** Please print or type this application. All applicable sections must be completed and all required exhibits must be attached. The Commission is not required to consider an incomplete application. To avoid any delay due to insufficient information, we recommend that you attend or arrange to be represented at the meeting in which your application hearing is scheduled. Because all categories of this application require a Public Hearing (and therefore Public Notice), it is necessary to receive your application two weeks before the next regularly scheduled HDC meeting in order to include it in that meeting's agenda. If you have any questions concerning completion of this application, please call the Town Planning and Zoning Administration Office at (203) 385-4017. Application Fee: \$75.00 payable to the Stratford Historic District Commission (which helps to cover the cost of publishing State-mandated legal notices for public hearings). Please return the completed form to Town Building Dept. Office, Room 110

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER/TENANT\* \_\_\_\_\_  
PROPERTY LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE THE HOUSE WAS ESTABLISHED/BUILT \_\_\_\_\_  
ADJOINING OWNERS \_\_\_\_\_

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**TYPE OF WORK TO BE DONE:**

1. New Construction \_\_\_\_\_
2. Remodeling \_\_\_\_\_
3. Demolition \_\_\_\_\_
4. Parking/Driveway/Paving \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sign \_\_\_\_\_
6. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF STRUCTURE:**

1. Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_
2. Outbuilding/Accessory Building \_\_\_\_\_
3. Other \_\_\_\_\_

STARTING DATE \_\_\_\_\_ COMPLETION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** Signs must be erected within six months of approval; all other work must be completed within one year of approval. Beyond these time periods, Certificates of Appropriateness expire and will require a new application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)

\* If the applicant is not the owner of the premises, written permission from the owner for the requested work must be attached to this application.

SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT CONTACT INFO \_\_\_\_\_

1. **NEW CONSTRUCTION** Must be accompanied by the following exhibits:

- a. Photo showing the present appearance of the property.
- b. Scaled plot plan detailing the location of existing structures and/or new structures.
- c. Scaled elevations depicting finished appearance of the structure(s).

Size of Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Windows \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Windows \_\_\_\_\_ Exterior Siding Material \_\_\_\_\_

Roofing Material \_\_\_\_\_ Type/Size of Doors \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Exterior Trim \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of work to be done \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete Section #5, if applicable. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **REMODELING** - Must be accompanied by the following exhibits:

- d. Photo showing the present appearance of each elevation (side) of the property to be affected by the remodeling.
- e. Scaled plot plan detailing the existing structures and any additions.
- f. Scaled elevations depicting finished appearance of all affected exterior portions of the structure(s).

Brief description of work to be done, including all materials to be used \_\_\_\_\_

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Siding \_\_\_\_\_ Type/Size of Windows \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Trim \_\_\_\_\_ Exterior Trim Material \_\_\_\_\_

Roofing Material \_\_\_\_\_ Type/Size of Doors \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Section #5, if applicable. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. DEMOLITION** Must be accompanied by the following exhibits:

- g. Photo showing the present appearance of each elevation (side) of the property to be affected.
- h. Scaled plot plan detailing the existing structures and detailing which structures or portions of structures are to be demolished.

Connecticut Statute 7-147j (b) requires a ninety-day delay in the issuance of a permit for demolition of any structure to allow this Commission or the Connecticut Historic Commission to seek a buyer to save the structure.

Brief description of work to be done, stating the reason for demolition and describing work to be done to restore the demolition site to a safe and acceptable condition

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Complete Section #5, if applicable. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. NEW SIGN** Must be accompanied by the following exhibits:

- i. Photo showing the present appearance of the property and the proposed location of the sign.
- j. Scaled plot plan detailing the exact location of the sign.
- k. Scale drawing showing the exact shape, overall size (one-sided or two-sided), lettering (type and size) and the method and materials to secure and/or support the sign in place, i.e. post, bracket, wall mount, etc.

Size \_\_\_\_\_ Material of Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Attach exhibit "k" to this form to be made part of this Certificate of Appropriateness.

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**5. PARKING/ DRIVEWAY/ PAVING** Must be accompanied by the following exhibits:

- l. Photo showing the present appearance of each area of the property to be affected.
- m. Scaled plot plan detailing the exact location of the proposed parking/driveway/paving and any landscaping proposals to screen the new area from public view, as well as any site lighting (new or existing) signage and accessory structures which are a part of the project.

APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

**5. PARKING/ DRIVEWAY/ PAVING (Continued)**

Driveway Material \_\_\_\_\_ Parking Area Material \_\_\_\_\_

No. Parking Spaces: New \_\_\_\_\_ Existing \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning requirements \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Access requirements \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. OTHER STRUCTURES\*\* Must be accompanied by the following exhibits:**

- n. Photos showing the present appearance of the property.
- o. Scaled plot plan detailing the exact location of existing structures and detailing any proposed removals, relocations, additions and/or alterations to the existing property.
- p. Scaled drawings depicting finished exterior appearance of all new structures and/or affected exterior portions of existing structure(s).

Brief description of work to be done, detailing materials to be used \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Accessory buildings (garages, greenhouses), patios, decks, fences, gates, etc.

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**ACTION TAKEN BY THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

1. **Approved** \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Approved with the following conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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3. **Denied** \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Clerk, Stratford Historic District Commission**

**STRATFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615**

**An outline of regulated activities and procedures for homeowners and property owners in Stratford's Historic District**

The following are some of the activities that require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the HDC, prior to starting and/or prior to obtaining a Building Permit:

New construction, remodeling, new windows and doors, demolition work, new parking areas, new driveways, new paving, new signs, site lighting, new decks and new fences. Work on existing accessory buildings, garages and other secondary structures or new structures of this type.

The Commission has jurisdiction over exterior construction. It does not have jurisdiction over remodeling work that is entirely internal.

If it can be demonstrated to the HDC that no part of your project is visible from any public street or public right of way, then the Commission may waive the requirement for filing an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for that specific project.

Exterior repairs which will not alter the appearance of your property, especially small repairs, projects which involve safety issues or are otherwise urgent, such as repairs to steps, re-roofing to repair leaks, etc. may often be expedited by a letter from the Commission permitting the project to proceed without application for a formal hearing.

Please note that any Commission member will be glad to answer questions that you may have about your project and about our procedures.

We also invite you to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. If requested before the meeting, we will provide time on our agenda to discuss informally any project that you would like to review before actually filing for a Certificate of Appropriateness. We will be glad to indicate to you at that time, whether an application is required or not, and also to indicate what specific information we might be expecting if an application is required.

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