

A Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA) is required before modifying or installing new exterior elements such as light fixtures, security cameras, and entertainment devices that are visible from the public right-of-way.

The type and placement of these elements play an important role in maintaining the authentic historic character of a building. Lighting and security should provide safety while remaining compatible with the building and neighborhood context. Not all fixture styles and camera types are appropriate for every building or location.

GENERAL HDLC REQUIREMENTS:

- Light fixture styles, sizes, and locations that are consistent with the age and style of the building
- The number of light fixtures and cameras should be limited to the minimum number necessary
- Locate security cameras in unobtrusive locations with power/data routed internally through the building wall
- Light fixtures and cameras should not remove, obscure, or be mounted to decorative elements such as brackets
 - **Exposed conduit and junction boxes are not permitted where visible from the public right of way** ✖
 - Floodlights and florescent tube lighting are not permitted at street-facing elevations
- String lights that are permanently installed without an electrical permit or are highly visible are not permitted
- Temporary decorative lighting may be installed for up to 90 days per calendar year

APPROPRIATE LIGHT FIXTURES:



Light fixtures should be compatible in age, style, and scale to the building, or should be simple and unobtrusive, without suggesting a false historical style.

APPROPRIATE SECURITY CAMERAS:



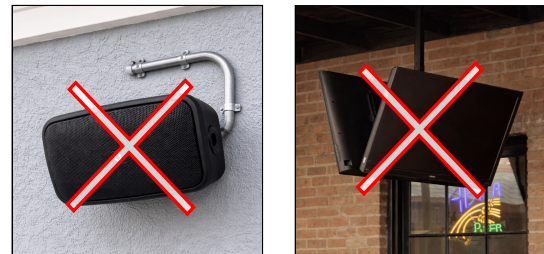
Cameras should be limited in size and number, discretely located, have concealed conduit, and should not include flashing or colored indicator lights.

CEILING FANS:



Simple, non-decorative ceiling fans are permitted but should not have an integrated light kit.

ENTERTAINMENT DEVICES:



Speakers and television screens are not permitted where visible from the public right-of-way.

HDLC Design Guidelines for Commercial Properties (Chapter 10): www.nola.gov/next/hdlc/topics/design-guidelines

COFA APPLICATION & HDLC EXPRESSLANE SERVICE

HDLC Certificates of Appropriateness (CofAs) are no cost. Many lighting and security camera installations qualify for expedited HDLC ExpressLane review and approval if they meet the HDLC Design Guidelines.

All applications must be submitted online at www.onestopapp.nola.gov

FIND YOUR HDLC PLAN REVIEWER & CONTACT THE HDLC

- You can find the HDLC Plan Reviewer for each local historic district at www.nola.gov/next/hdlc/contact
- You can contact the HDLC office at (504) 658-7051 or on the 7th floor of City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street



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**COMMERCIAL LIGHTING, SECURITY CAMERA
& ENTERTAINMENT DEVICE GUIDE**