



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT
EXTERIOR APPEARANCE AND
SITE PLAN REVIEW CRITERIA**

Address of proposed request: _____

REVIEW CRITERIA

Section 11-606 of the Hinsdale Zoning Code regulates Exterior appearance review. The exterior appearance review process is intended to protect, preserve, and enhance the character and architectural heritage and quality of the Village, to protect, preserve, and enhance property values, and to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the Village and its residents. Please note that Subsection Standards for building permits refers to Subsection 11-605E Standards and considerations for design permit review.

*****PLEASE NOTE*** If this is a non-residential property within 250 feet of a single-family residential district, additional notification requirements are necessary. Please contact the Village Planner for a description of the additional requirements.**

FEES for Exterior Appearance/Site Plan Review:

Standard Application: \$600.00

Within 250 feet of a Single-Family Residential District: \$800

Below are the criteria that will be used by the Plan Commission, Zoning and Public Safety Committee and Board of Trustees in reviewing Exterior Appearance Review requests. Please respond to each criterion as it relates to the application. Please use an additional sheet of paper to respond to questions if needed.

1. *Open spaces.* The quality of the open space between buildings and in setback spaces between street and facades.
2. *Materials.* The quality of materials and their relationship to those in existing adjacent structures.
3. *General design.* The quality of the design in general and its relationship to the overall character of neighborhood.

4. *General site development.* The quality of the site development in terms of landscaping, recreation, pedestrian access, auto access, parking, servicing of the property, and impact on vehicular traffic patterns and conditions on-site and in the vicinity of the site, and the retention of trees and shrubs to the maximum extent possible.

5. *Height.* The height of the proposed buildings and structures shall be visually compatible with adjacent buildings.

6. *Proportion of front façade.* The relationship of the width to the height of the front elevation shall be visually compatible with buildings, public ways, and places to which it is visually related.

7. *Proportion of openings.* The relationship of the width to the height of windows shall be visually compatible with buildings, public ways, and places to which the building is visually related.

8. *Rhythm of solids to voids in front facades.* The relationship of solids to voids in the front façade of a building shall be visually compatible with buildings, public ways, and places to which it is visually related.

9. *Rhythm of spacing and buildings on streets.* The relationship of a building or structure to the open space between it and adjoining buildings or structures shall be visually compatible with the buildings, public ways, and places to which it is visually related.

10. *Rhythm of entrance porch and other projections.* The relationship of entrances and other projections to sidewalks shall be visually compatible with the buildings, public ways, and places to which it is visually related.

11. *Relationship of materials and texture.* The relationship of the materials and texture of the façade shall be visually compatible with the predominant materials to be used in the buildings and structures to which it is visually related.

12. *Roof shapes.* The roof shape of a building shall be visually compatible with the buildings to which it is visually related.

13. *Walls of continuity.* Building facades and appurtenances such as walls, fences, and landscape masses shall, when it is a characteristic of the area, form cohesive walls of enclosure along a street to ensure visual compatibility with the buildings, public ways, and places to which such elements are visually related.

14. *Scale of building.* The size and mass of buildings and structures in relation to open spaces, windows, door openings, porches, and balconies shall be visually compatible with the buildings, public ways, and places to which they are visually related.

15. *Directional expression of front elevation.* The buildings shall be visually compatible with the buildings, public ways, and places to which it is visually related in its directional character, whether this be vertical character, horizontal character, or nondirectional character.

16. *Special consideration for existing buildings.* For existing buildings, the Plan Commission and the Board of Trustees shall consider the availability of materials, technology, and craftsmanship to duplicate existing styles, patterns, textures, and overall detailing.

REVIEW CRITERIA – Site Plan Review

Below are the criteria that will be used by the Plan Commission and Board of Trustees in determining if the application does not meet the requirements for Site Plan Approval. Briefly describe how this application will not do the below criteria. Please respond to each criterion as it relates to the application. Please use an additional sheet of paper to respond to questions if needed.

Section 11-604 of the Hinsdale Zoning Code regulates Site Plan Review. The site plan review process recognizes that even those uses and developments that have been determined to be generally suitable for location in a particular district are capable of adversely affecting the purposes for which this code was enacted unless careful consideration is given to critical design elements.

1. The site plan fails to adequately meet specified standards required by the Zoning Code with respect to the proposed use or development, including special use standards where applicable.
2. The proposed site plan interferes with easements and rights-of-way.
3. The proposed site plan unreasonably destroys, damages, detrimentally modifies, or interferes with the enjoyment of significant natural, topographical, or physical features of the site.
4. The proposed site plan is unreasonably injurious or detrimental to the use and enjoyment of surrounding property.
5. The proposed site plan creates undue traffic congestion or hazards in the public streets, or the circulation elements of the proposed site plan unreasonably creates hazards to safety on or off site or disjointed, inefficient pedestrian or vehicular circulation paths on or off the site.
6. The screening of the site does not provide adequate shielding from or for nearby uses.
7. The proposed structures or landscaping are unreasonably lacking amenity in relation to, or are incompatible with, nearby structures and uses.
8. In the case of site plans submitted in connection with an application for a special use permit, the proposed site plan makes inadequate provision for the creation or preservation of open space or for its continued maintenance.
9. The proposed site plan creates unreasonable drainage or erosion problems or fails to fully and satisfactorily integrate the site into the overall existing and planned ordinance system serving the community.

10. The proposed site plan places unwarranted or unreasonable burdens on specified utility systems serving the site or area or fails to fully and satisfactorily integrate the site's utilities into the overall existing and planned utility system serving the Village.

11. The proposed site plan does not provide for required public uses designated on the Official Map.

12. The proposed site plan otherwise adversely affects the public health, safety, or general welfare.