

SEC. 1005. CONFORMITY AND PERMITS.

(a) No person shall carry out or cause to be carried out on a designated landmark site or in a designated historic district any construction, alteration, removal or demolition of a structure or any work involving a sign, awning, marquee, canopy, mural or other appendage, for which a City permit is required, except in conformity with the provisions of this Article 10. In addition, no such work shall take place unless all other applicable laws and regulations have been complied with, and any required permit has been issued for said work.

(b) (1) Installation of a new general advertising sign is prohibited in any Historic District or on any historic property regulated by this Article 10.

(2) The Central Permit Bureau shall not issue, and no other City department or agency shall issue, any permit for construction, alteration, removal or demolition of a structure or any permit for work involving a sign, awning, marquee, canopy, mural or other appendage on a landmark site or in an Historic District, except in conformity with the provisions of this Article 10. In addition, no such permit shall be issued unless all other applicable laws and regulations have been complied with.

(c) (1) Where so provided in the designating ordinance for a historic district, any or all exterior changes visible from a public street or other public place shall require approval in accordance with the provisions of this Article 10, regardless of whether or not a City permit is required for such exterior changes. Such exterior changes may include, but shall not be limited to, painting and repainting; landscaping; fencing; and installation of lighting fixtures and other building appendages.

(2) The addition of a mural to any landmark or contributory structure in a historic district shall require compliance with the provisions of this Article 10, regardless of whether or not a City permit is required for the mural.

(3) Alterations to City-owned parks, squares, plazas or gardens on a landmark site, where the designating ordinance identifies such alterations, shall require approval in accordance with the provisions of this Article 10, regardless of whether or not a City permit is required.

(d) The Department shall maintain with the Central Permit Bureau a current record of designated landmarks and historic districts. Upon receipt of any application for a permit to carry out any construction, alteration, removal or demolition of a structure or any work involving a sign, awning, marquee, canopy, mural or other appendage, on a landmark site or in a historic district, the Central Permit Bureau shall, unless the structure or feature concerned has been declared unsafe or dangerous pursuant to Section 1007 of this Article 10, promptly forward such permit application to the Department.

(e) After receiving a permit application from the Central Permit Bureau in accordance with the preceding subsection, the Department shall ascertain whether Section 1006 requires a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work proposed in such permit application. If such Certificate is required and has been issued, and if the permit application conforms to such Certificate, the permit application shall be processed without further reference to this Article 10. If such Certificate is required and has not been issued, or if in the sole judgment of the Department the permit application does not so conform, the permit application shall be disapproved or held by the Department until such time as conformity does exist; the decision and action of the Department shall be final. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the following cases the Department shall process the permit application without further reference to this Article 10: