

Categories of County-wide Certificates of Appropriateness as of 11/2025
(listed in County Code § 18-30.6.4(b)(3)(a))

1. Structures located 750 feet or more from an EC [Entrance Corridor] street that are not more than five stories tall.
2. Structures that are proposed to be located behind another structure that fronts an EC street as viewed from the EC street, where the rear structure is no more than twice the height of the front structure.
3. Personal wireless service facilities.
4. Signs, except for wall signs whose height exceeds 30 feet.
5. Safety fencing and screening fencing.
6. New or replacement rooftop-mounted or ground-mounted equipment.
7. Additions to structures or improvements for which a certificate of appropriateness was issued, where the design of the addition to the structure or improvement is consistent with the architectural design approved with the certificate of appropriateness.
8. New structure or site lighting or changes to existing structure or site lighting.
9. Minor amendments to site plans and architectural plans.
10. Building permits for which the proposed change occupies 50 percent or less of the altered elevation of an existing structure.
11. Permits classified in sections 5-202, 5-203, 5-204 and 5-208(A) not otherwise exempt under section 30.6.5(k).
12. New structures, site changes, or reuse of existing structures in accordance with section 20.C
13. The following items when located on parcels that are subject to a public-private partnership agreement executed by the County of Albemarle: structures, sites, improvements, and/or architectural elements.