

Division 2. Historic Preservation

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4.2.14.1 Criteria for issuance of certificate of appropriateness; mobile food vendors; Mercer Street Historic District

(a) In considering an application for a certificate of appropriateness for a mobile food vendor in the Mercer Street Historic District who will be on site ten (10) or more days, the commission shall consider the visibility of the mobile food vendor from Mercer Street. Priority will be given to less visible options for the mobile food vendor either by placement on the lot or through appropriate screening. Screening shall be a solid masonry or wood screening wall of not less than six feet (6'), nor more than eight feet (8'), in height; and shall be erected in conjunction with landscaping elements that match the current distinguishing original qualities or character of the adjacent building or structure. Any screening in the front of any lot shall be a solid masonry or wood screening fence of three feet (3') and shall be erected in conjunction with landscaping elements that match the current distinguishing original qualities or character of the adjacent building or structure.

(b) Every reasonable effort shall be made to adapt the property in a manner which requires minimal alteration of the building, structure, object, or site and its environment.

(c) The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, object, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed by the placement of a mobile food vendor. The removal or alteration of any historic material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible.

(d) An application for a certificate of appropriateness for a mobile food vendor in the Mercer Street Historic District may be for alternative exterior design standards as described in this Article.

(e) Applications for food trucks in the Hays Street Historic District and Old Fitzhugh Historic District are not subject to this section.