

## **What is a Certificate of Appropriateness?**

A Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is issued by the city's Historic Preservation Commission for exterior changes to the property including the primary building, accessory structures and the site. The COA is approved based on the Wilmington Design Guidelines for Historic Districts and Landmarks. The Commission has an Administrative Bypass system which allows the historic preservation planner to approve minor changes to properties within a shorter review period than the Commission's in order to facilitate completion of smaller projects.