

The following proposed changes to the list of exemptions from Harvard Historical Commission review (as listed in the Rules and Regulations) will be considered at a public hearing to be held on May 3, 2023. Red text indicates proposed changes.

Section 7. Exemptions from Review

In addition to the limitations and exemptions outlined in Town of Harvard Bylaw § 48-6, the following architectural features, structures, signs and activities may be constructed or altered without review by the Commission:

1. Storm doors
2. Chimney caps placed on top of an existing chimney where no visible change is made to the chimney
3. Temporary (removable) window boxes
4. Signs of not more than one square foot in area in connection with use of a residence for a customary home occupation or for professional purposes, provided only one such sign is displayed in connection with each residence and if illuminated is illuminated only indirectly; and one sign in connection with the nonresidential use of each building or structure which is not more than twelve square feet in area, consist of letters painted on wood without symbol or trademark and if illuminated is illuminated only indirectly; or either of them.
5. Paint color for siding and trim and other features (does not include roofing materials) OR Painting a house, siding or trim in the same color.
6. Temporary structures provided that they are installed for no more than 60 days
7. Screens
8. Flagpoles, arbors and trellises
9. Playground equipment that occupies less than 100 square feet of surface area, and
10. The reconstruction, substantially similar in exterior design and materials, of a building, structure or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.

These exemptions were considered at a public hearing and approved by the Commission pursuant to § 48-5 E on January 2, 2020 and May 3, 2023.