

Certificate of
Appropriateness (COA)
local design review

- Mandated by local ordinance.
- For locally designated buildings and districts **only**.
- **Use standards adopted in ordinance as well as any adopted design guidelines specific to the property or district.**
- Often triggered by a permit, but not always. Some local ordinances say “all projects” involving historic properties or have other triggers for review.
- Usually does not include “environs”. Check your local ordinance.
- Can sometimes consider financial impact on owner

Kansas State Law

- KSA 75-2724 – state statute
- For buildings listed in the State and/or National Register and contributors within a state or national register district
- **Use *Standards for Rehabilitation (or the overarching Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties)***
- Triggered by action of the state or a subdivision of the state (i.e. city, county, school board, etc.) – often means a locally required permit (i.e. building permit, sign permit, demolition permit, etc.). **Includes interior work.**
- The SHPO or an authorized historic preservation commission (HPC) must review a project to determine if it will “damage or destroy” the listed property.
- If the SHPO or HPC find that the project will adversely impact a property, then the local governing body must determine if there are any “feasible and prudent alternatives” to the project. If not, then plans must be made to minimize harm caused by the project.