
Chapter 18.105 HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS WITHIN HISTORIC DISTRICTS

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(Ord. 6491 §14, 2007).

18.105.020 Building Design - Additions or Remodeled Historic Buildings

Design criteria contained in this chapter apply to structures on the Olympia Heritage Register, Washington Heritage Register, and the National Register of Historic Places.

A. REQUIREMENT: Protect and preserve buildings of special historic significance and merit in accordance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (as amended). Historic features are those which have been identified by the Heritage Commission on the Olympia Heritage Register, Washington Heritage Register, and the National Register of Historic Places.

B. GUIDELINES:

1. Restore or retain as many historic features as possible.
2. Maintain or restore original proportions, dimensions and architectural elements.
3. Select paint and material colors which are historically accurate, coordinate the entire facade, and do not conflict with adjacent buildings.
4. Consult available historical resources, the Heritage Commission, or Community Planning and Development Department for assistance and detailed information.

(Ord. 6491 §14, 2007).

18.105.030 Structures Within a Historic District

Design criteria contained in this chapter apply to new and existing structures within a Historic District.

A. REQUIREMENT: Ensure that new or remodeled structures within a historic district will preserve the historic context and merit of the district.

B. GUIDELINES:

1. Use roof forms that emulate the historic property roof form.
2. Use windows, materials, relief and details similar to the historic property.
3. Use similar building articulation that breaks up the building mass into modules which reflect proportions similar to the historic building. Methods used to create intervals which reflect and promote compatibility and which respect the scale of the historic building include:

- a. Facade modulation - stepping back or extending forward a portion of the facade.
- b. Repeating the window patterns at intervals equal to the articulation interval.
- c. Providing a porch, patio, deck, or covered entry to the articulation interval.
- d. Providing a balcony or bay window for each interval.
- e. Changing the roofline by alternating dormers, stepped roofs, gables, or other roof elements to reinforce the modulation or articulation interval.
- f. Changing materials with the change in building plane.
- g. Providing a lighting fixture, trellis, tree or other landscape feature within each interval.
- h. Using paint and material colors that blend with the historic property.
- i. Using landscape materials and plantings that are similar to those used on the historic property.

(Ord. 6491 §14, 2007).

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