

5.7 Design Ideas for New Buildings

In general, new buildings should be harmonious in form, material, site layout and scale with the established district character.

5.7.1 Building Orientation

- **Align the facade of the new buildings with the established set-backs of the area**
Building fronts typically align at the sidewalk Downtown. This distinguishes the area from suburban auto-oriented businesses and helps provide a pedestrian-friendly environment for shopping.
- **New buildings should appear similar in mass and scale with historic structures in the area**
Where new building facades will be wider than those found traditionally, subdivide the surface into portions similar in scale to historic facades by varying set-backs, roof forms and materials.

5.7.2 Building Form and Scale

- **Use building forms that match those used traditionally**
Simple rectangular forms are preferred
- **Use roof forms that match those used historically**
Flat roofs or simple gables are typical

5.7.3 Materials

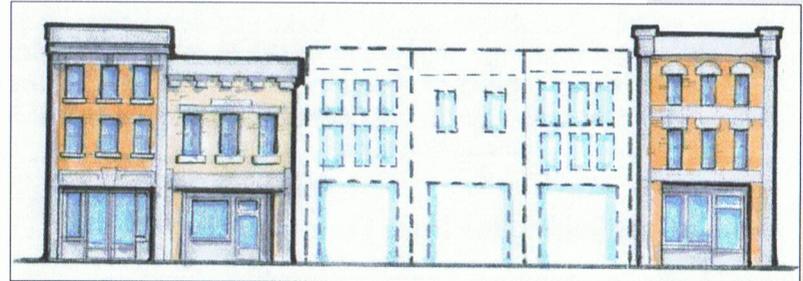
- **Use building materials for all major surfaces that are similar to those employed historically**
Materials for roofs should be similar in appearance to those used historically. New materials may be used if their appearances are similar to those of historic building materials. Use finishes similar to others in the district.

5.7.4 Entrances and Windows

- **Orient the main entrance of the building to the street**
- **Use window sizes and proportions similar to those found traditionally**



New buildings are same in scale and are aligned with sidewalks.



New buildings follow the rhythm of existing buildings.



Adjoining buildings have the same window sizes.
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