

Hardware

Maintain the original decorative builder's hardware wherever possible. If replacements are necessary, select items similar to those originally used. If the original hardware was destroyed or replaced and no record of the original is available, investigate the original hardware used on a building of similar architectural style within the district to determine what would be appropriate, or seek professional advice.

Salvage yards and antique shops often have an assortment of old door and window hardware. Use hardware appropriate to the style and period of architecture of the building.

Compatible contemporary hardware may be used; however, it should be similar in scale, proportion and material to the original hardware of the building.

A Certificate of Appropriateness is not required for these modifications; however, the A.R.C. suggests the following:

Suggested Procedures

Maintain existing original hardware where possible.

Use hardware in a similar style and scale to the building if replacement hardware is necessary.

Use contemporary hardware that is similar in scale, proportion and material to what would have been used on the building.



Examples of Appropriate Door Hardware

Doors

Most of the original doors in the Hyde Park Historic District are divided into wood panels and glass lights. Every effort should be made to retain as much of the existing detail as possible. Similarly, the wide door trim of the frame, the side lights (glass on both sides of the doors) and the transom windows (glass over the doors) should be retained. If the old doors cannot be saved, their replacements should be the same size and type as the originals. Doors should be selected to capture the basic character of the original doors and to fill the entire original opening. Flush doors without trim or panels should not be used; they do not reflect the original character of Hyde Park's architecture.

Door frames when replaced should conform to the individual style of architecture of the building. Do not use imitations of styles or embellishments that do not fit the period or style of architecture. Stock doors and frames with scalloped frills or other inappropriate ornamentation should be avoided.

The practice of blocking or filling the transom or side lights of a door opening is not permitted since it radically alters not only the basic proportions of the opening, but also the overall appearance of the façade of the house.

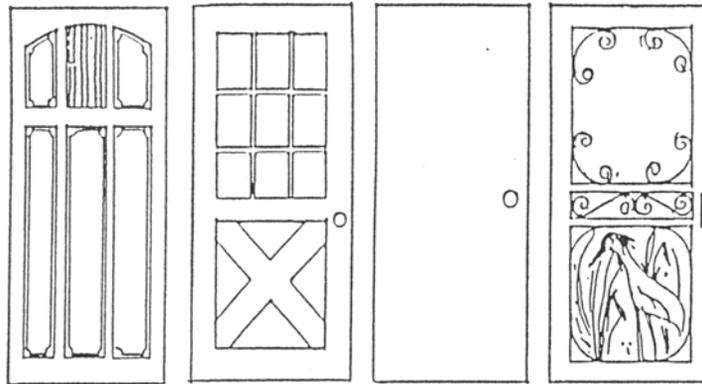
If screen doors are used, they should be of simple design and blend in with the design of the inner door and the house. Use wooden screen doors rather than aluminum, metal or jalousie doors.



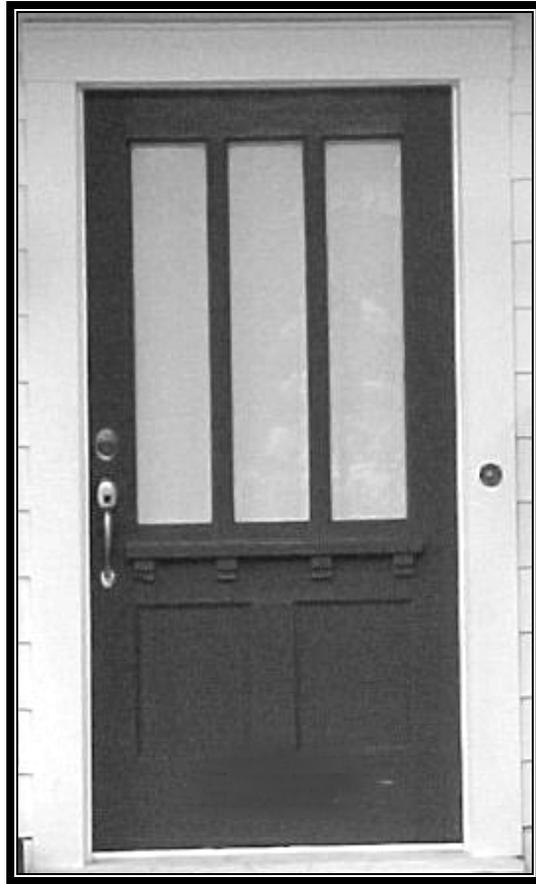
Typical Doors with Side Lights



Appropriate Screen Doors



Inappropriate Doors



Appropriate Door

The function of existing openings may be changed if the opening is preserved and if the change does not alter the architectural or historic character of the building. Placing new doors on the primary façade should be avoided.

A change of, repair, replacement, or addition of doors requires a Certificate of Appropriateness prior to commencement of the construction. The Administrator of the A.R.C. shall review the application for compliance with the design guidelines. If the application is deemed by the Administrator to contain an appropriate change, repair, replacement, or addition, the Administrator may issue the Certificate of Appropriateness. If the application includes work other than an appropriate change, repair, replacement or addition, the A.R.C. shall review the application at the regular A.R.C. public hearing for a decision on the Certificate of Appropriateness.

It is Permissible to...

Maintain and repair existing original doors, door frames, side lights and transoms.

Replace doors, when repair is not possible, with doors that are similar in style and finish to the original doors.

Change the function of an original opening if the opening is preserved and if the change does not alter the architectural or historic character of the building.

Maintain and repair original screen doors. Add wood screen doors to buildings.

It is Not Permissible to...

Remove original doors from buildings.

Use doors which are overly decorative and out of character with the style of the building (e.g. Victorian stained glass doors).

Enlarge door openings to change standard doors to larger or double doors.

Block or fill doors, transoms or side lights.

Use aluminum screen doors.

Relocate the front door of a building.

Windows, Window Screens, Shutters and Awnings

Windows are important to the scale and character of the building and to the composition of the building form.

It is important to maintain the original size, shape and design of windows. It is also important to retain the wood trim that frames the window opening.

Double hung sash windows are the type most commonly found in Hyde Park, although casement windows often appear. The characteristic number of panes varies from house to house. Replacement of windows with the same glass pane configuration is essential. Replacement windows should fill the entire original opening and not be reconstructed to a smaller or larger size. Window openings should not be altered on the street façade without careful consideration to the overall pattern, rhythm or symmetry.

Reflective glass is not permitted for use within the district. Lightly tinted glass may be acceptable; however, the tinted glass must be reviewed and approved by the A.R.C.

Window shutters may be added if there is historical precedent. They should correspond in size to the windows and wall area and be, or appear to be, operable.

Canvas awnings were used as both decorative and functional devices on some houses in Hyde Park. Awnings should be used only if there is historical precedent.



Appropriate Affixed Awning

A change, alteration, repair, replacement or addition of windows, shutters or awnings will require a Certificate of Appropriateness prior to the commencement of the construction. The Administrator of the A.R.C. shall review the application for compliance with the design guidelines. If the application is deemed by the Administrator to be an appropriate change, alteration, repair, replacement or addition, the Administrator may issue the Certificate of Appropriateness. If the application includes work other than what is deemed appropriate, the A.R.C. shall review the application at the regular A.R.C. public hearing for a decision on the Certificate of Appropriateness.

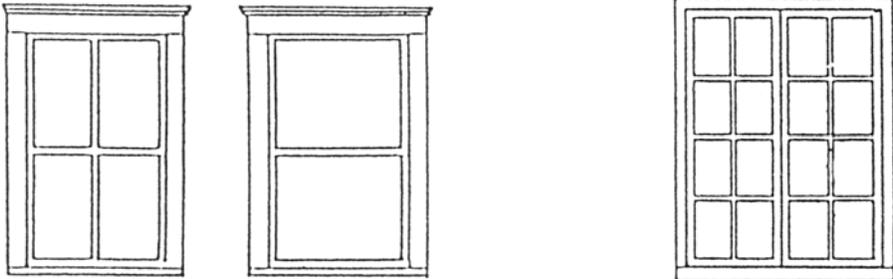
WINDOWS

Appropriate Windows



Double Hung Windows

Casement Windows



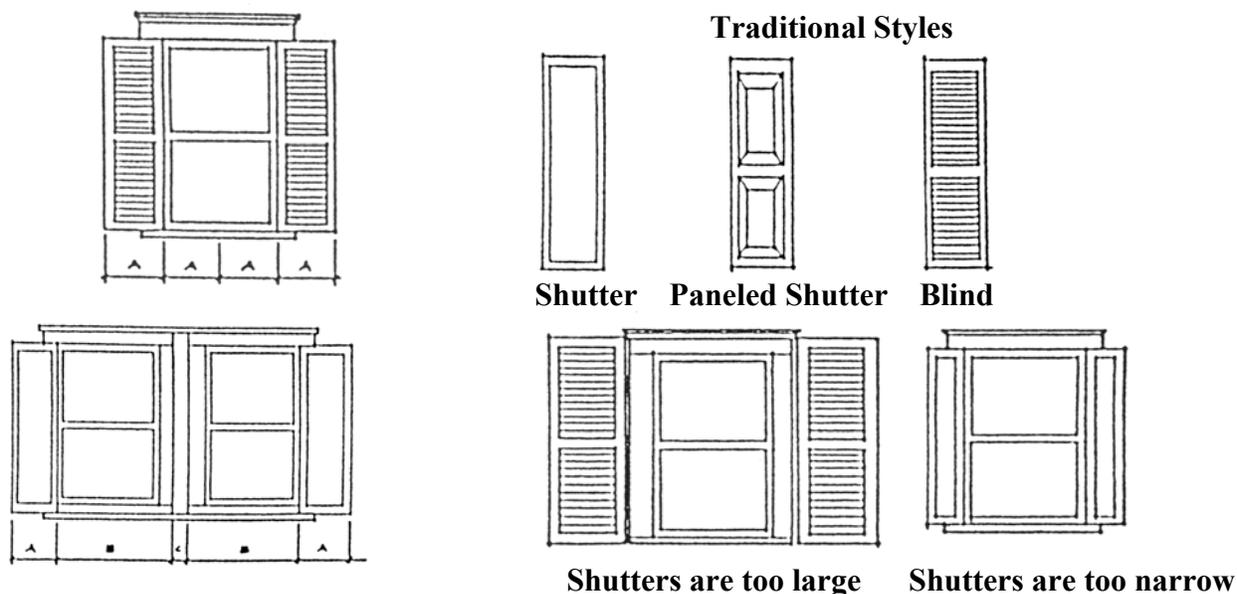
Double Hung
Two Over Two One Over One

With Divided Lights



Window Placement which adds to the interior & exterior appearance of the house.

BLINDS AND SHUTTERS



Styles not suitable . . . blinds should cover windows completely when closed.

It is Permissible to...

Maintain the existing number and locations of window openings.

Repair the existing windows and wood window trim; use the repaired windows in the existing repaired window frames.

Use shutters or awnings only on buildings which originally used shutters and awnings.

Maintain the size, proportions and locations of original shutters and awnings.

Replace existing windows with new windows of size, proportion and window pane pattern as close to the original as possible, and when the original windows can not be restored.

Remove, add or rearrange windows on backs of buildings to accommodate functional changes.

Use clear solar glass or, under certain circumstances, lightly tinted glass.

Use awnings on building styles which historically used awnings.

Use shutters on building styles which historically used shutters; the shutters must be sized so that they will cover the window when closed. There also is a need for enough space between windows for shutters to lie flat, next to each other.

Use shutters and hardware which are functional.

Maintain wood window screens.

It is Not Permissible to...

Alter the overall size of windows.

Alter the window pane pattern of windows.

Replace sound wood sash windows and frames.

Replace wood screen windows with metal sash windows and frames.

Change the operation of windows; for example, replacing double hung windows with casement windows or fixed glass.

Use jalousie windows, awning windows or picture windows within the district or introduce glass block on any building where it did not originally exist.

Use aluminum awnings.

Use reflective glass.

Use shutters on building styles which historically did not use shutters.

Remove wood window screens.

Use shutters that are sized too small or too large to cover the window when closed, or that overlap when open.

Add or rearrange windows on the street façades unless careful attention is given to overall window patterns on the façade, and the addition or removal does not destroy the overall window pattern. Windows being added should match existing window size, proportion and design.