

Light Fixtures

Exterior wall-bracketed or soffit-mounted lights provide light and decoration along the streetscape. Maintain and restore the original decorative fixtures wherever possible.

Lights can be used to focus attention on particular details or to accent planting areas; however, do not use flood lights to light façades. High intensity lights or light which intrudes upon adjacent properties should not be used. Lighting the exterior of buildings within the district must be accomplished without distracting from the harmony and unity of the street.

Light fixtures that are indicative of the period and style of architecture for each building are encouraged. Contemporary light fixtures may be used; however, should be in an appropriate scale for the building and should not detract from historic detail. Light sources may be recessed in ceilings or concealed.



Appropriate Period Lighting Fixture



Fixture that Blends with the Detail of House



Pendant Fixture



This flood light attached to a building is inappropriate.

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

Suggested Procedures

Maintain or restore original light fixtures.

Provide new wall or bracketed or soffit mounted exterior light fixtures that are in the correct style and scale for the building.

Provide light fixtures that are in an appropriate scale and form for the building.

Dormers

A dormer is a structure projecting from the main roof, usually housing a window or ventilating louver.

Dormers were installed in both one and two-story rooflines in many of the different styles of architecture in the district. The dormer should be retained in its original form as it is an important element of the façade design. New dormers, where desired, should match the original architectural style of the building; location of new dormers should preserve the original balance and massing of the building. Where dormers already exist, the new dormer should be of the same proportions, materials and colors as the original.

Changes, replacement, removal or addition of dormers will require a Certificate of Appropriateness prior to the commencement of the work. The application shall be reviewed at the regular A.R.C. public hearing.



Typical Craftsman Dormer



Typical Dormers with Windows



Typical Vent Dormers

It is Permissible to...

Maintain existing dormers. Repair or replace windows or louvers.

It is Not Permissible to...

Remove a dormer from a building.

Remove windows or vented openings from dormers.

Add or alter a dormer unless it is compatible with the architectural style of the building and other existing dormers in proportion, slope, materials and colors.