

Storefronts

A Commission Level Certificate of Appropriateness is required for any work on a storefront. The following guidelines will help with the application.

Recommended:

1. Maintain the original proportions, dimensions and elements when restoring, renovating, or reconstructing a storefront:
 - a) Retain or restore the glass transom panels, kick plates, and entrances at their original locations and proportions.
 - b) Restore detail to the original, if evidence exists. Use simplified detail if evidence does not exist.
2. If covered, consider uncovering the original lintel, support wall or piers to reestablish the storefront frame.
3. If original storefront is gone and no evidence exists, construct a new storefront that incorporates traditional storefront elements.

Not Recommended:

1. Using elements typically found in commercial shopping strips that do not relate to the historic elements in the area.
2. Setting new storefronts back from the sidewalk and disrupting the visual order of the block.
3. Creating new storefronts that replicate non-documented "historic" facades or evoke styles that pre-date the building or that evoke other places.
4. Introducing mechanical equipment, e.g. air conditioners, in storefronts.
5. Exterior vending machines.
6. Pay telephones.