

SECTION 8 FOUNDATIONS.

8.1 Foundations - Standards

- 1) Retain and preserve original and historic foundations and related elements wherever possible, including pier size, vents, grilles, lattice, materials, and other significant details.
- 2) Retain and preserve existing historic materials wherever possible, rather than replace. For repairs or rebuilding, select new brick, mortar, ballast stones, and other materials to match the historic materials as closely as possible in all respects.
- 3) New vents or access doors should be centered between piers. Use inconspicuous vents, such as black iron or dark plastic, rather than unpainted aluminum. Locate access doors and other new openings in areas not visible from public view.
- 4) For infilling between existing brick piers, construct a curtain wall that is recessed approximately 1" to 2" back from the outer face of the piers so the original piers stand out; use this treatment for both old and new foundations. Flush foundations and infill are not appropriate. Concrete block may be used only if covered with a veneer of brick or sand-finished stucco. Leave foundations under porches open wherever possible to promote air circulation to prevent rot and deterioration; use wood lattice or grilles to enclose.
- 5) Wood grilles or lattice are appropriate infill if compatible with the period or style of the structure. Stock or lightweight wood lattice is not appropriate in areas in the public view.
- 6) Existing unpainted historic foundations should not be painted. Previously painted foundations should be repainted an appropriate color, such as white or whitewash, dark green, or brick red. Avoid removing paint from a previously painted foundation. (See Brickwork and Masonry standards).
- 7) Locate new utilities and mechanical equipment such as package unit furnaces, heat pumps, and air conditioning coils at the rear or other area not seen from public view. Utilities should never be located at the front of a structure or site. Provide screening with plantings, fences, or paint treatments.

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