

## **SECTION 6 PORCHES AND ENTRANCES.**

### **6.1 Porches and Entrances - Standards**

- 1) Retain and preserve historic porches, entrances, and doorways including related features such as railings, posts or columns, ceilings, steps, lattice, flooring, piers, ornamental trim, and other character-defining elements.
- 2) Repair, rather than replace, historic porch and entrance elements wherever feasible. Use repair techniques which preserve historic materials, including patching, epoxy repair, reinforcing, or splicing-in of new wood in place of deteriorated sections. Replacement elements should match the original in size, shape, pattern, material, color, and texture. Modern stock millwork is usually not appropriate.
- 3) Use appropriate materials in the repair and restoration of historic porches. Woods that are naturally rot-resistant or treated will provide the greatest durability for exposed elements such as railings, steps, flooring, and floor framing. The use of pressure-treated wood is appropriate when painted within six months.
- 4) The enclosure or other alteration of original or historic front porches is not appropriate in the historic district. Avoid enclosing porches at sides or other secondary areas that are visible from the public view. The enclosure of porches at the rear, or other areas not seen from the public view, is appropriate if the enclosure is designed and constructed in a manner that preserves the historic character and features of the porch.
- 5) Use architectural details and ornamentation that are compatible with the style, period, and detailing of the porch and structure. The creation of a false historical appearance, such as adding Victorian ornamentation to a plain early 20th century porch, is not appropriate.
- 6) Reconstruct missing porches or porch details based on accurate documentation of such features. Such documentation may include: evidence found on the subject building, historic photographs, or compatible details found on another porch in the district of the same period and general style. The owner shall provide the SHPC with such documentation in the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- 7) It is not appropriate to add new porches, entrances, or balconies to primary elevations or other areas of a building that are readily seen from the public view if none existed historically.
- 8) New handicapped access ramps and other modifications to improve access shall be designed so that the modifications are reversible and do not damage or obscure the building's architectural features or diminish its historic character.

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