

Commercial Guidelines

Rear Elevations

(Rear Elevation only; side elevations of a corner building are street-facing and follow the same guidelines as front elevations.)

Recommended:

1. Rear elevations should be kept simple in appearance.
2. Maintain and preserve historic doors at rear entrances.
3. If new doors are required, use single-lite glass-and-wood or other historically appropriate doors.
4. Maintain and preserve historic windows on rear elevation.
5. If new windows are required, replace windows in their original size/type. Rear elevation windows could be vinyl.
6. Durable metal siding may be considered in cases where the brick/mortar are seriously deteriorated.
7. Maintain a simple appearance for rear entrances. Signs and awnings are appropriate for the identification of businesses.
8. Screen HVAC units and service equipment through landscaping or wood and/or brick enclosures, or place units and equipment on roofs out of view from the street.
9. RDC can help with funding for rear elevation paint if colors are chosen from Sherwin Williams pre-approved historic color palette, found here: <https://www.sherwin-williams.com/en-us/color/color-collections/historic-paint-colors>.

The Historic Preservation Commission does not recommend and generally does not approve:

1. Covering windows with plywood.
2. Vinyl siding.
3. Replacement of windows in any size/type other than what was originally there.