

Code Required Work & Period of Significance

Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee

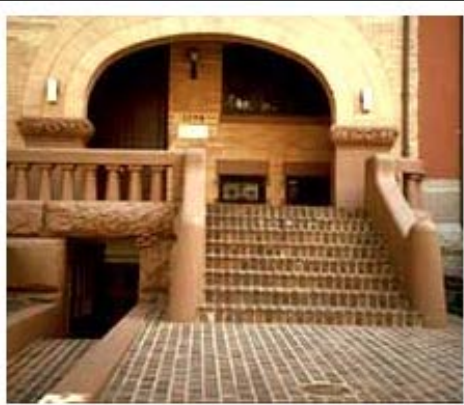
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Code Required Work

- Accessibility
 - Ramps
 - Elevators/Lifts
- Fire & Life Safety
 - Secondary Exits
 - Egress Windows
 - Graspable Handrails & Railing Height
- Hazardous Materials
 - Lead
 - Asbestos





A significant entrance may be difficult to modify. Although a special challenge, sensitive changes can almost always be made to provide access while preserving the unique historic character. Photo: NPS files.



Accessible historic building. Photo: NPS files.



This accessibility ramp is compatible with the historic building in scale and materials. Photo: William Smith.



The ramp's scale and materials are inconsistent with the historic character of the building. Photo: NPS files.

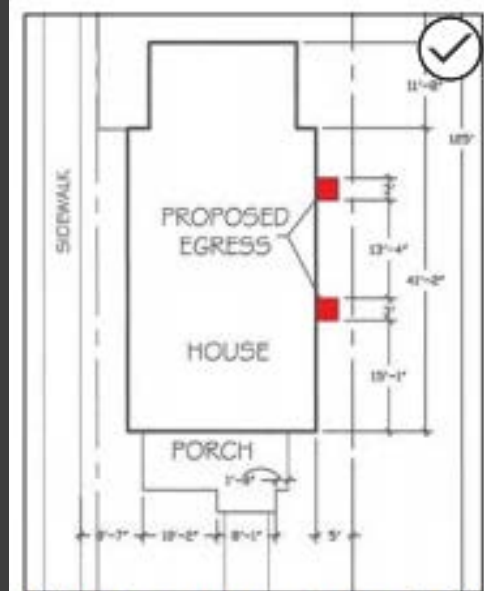




A new elevator entrance was provided next to the stairs to provide universal access to the services inside. Photo: Courtesy, GSA.



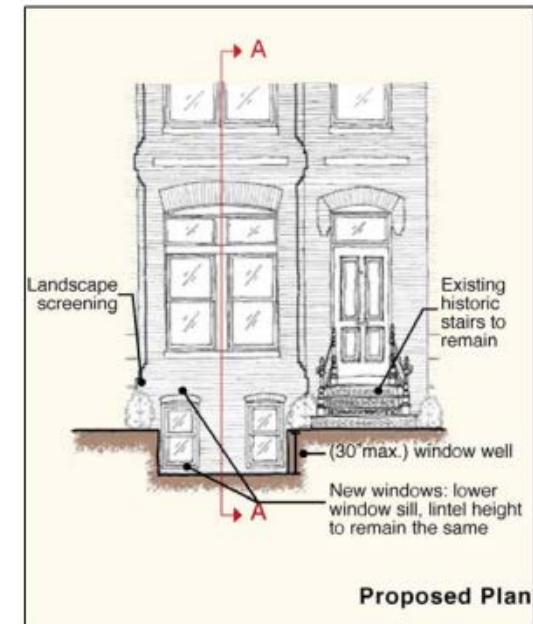
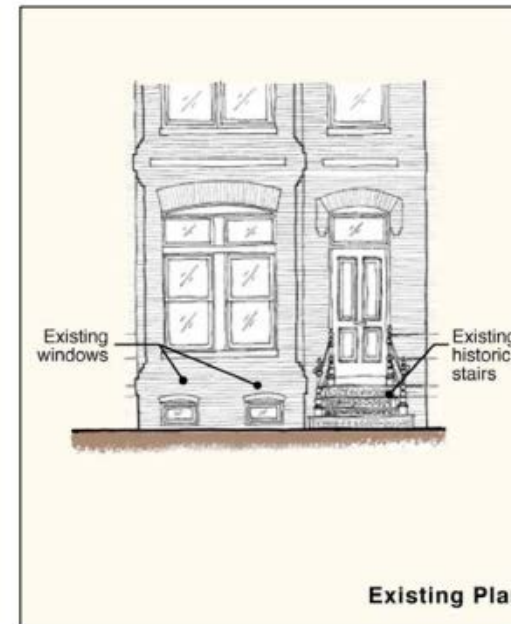




19. Locate a new basement egress window to be as inconspicuous as possible.



BASEMENT WINDOW WELLS







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Monitoring Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM)

Periodic Visual Reinspections and Air Monitoring

A visual reinspection of all ACM should be conducted at regular intervals as part of the O&M program to help ensure that any ACM damage or deterioration will be detected and corrective action taken.



Requirement

- Whenever possible, access to historic buildings should be through a primary building entrance.
- Barrier-free access requirements shall be complied with in such a manner that the historic building's character-defining exterior features and features of the site and setting are preserved or impacted as little as possible.
- Utilize solutions to meet accessibility requirements that minimize the impact of any necessary alteration on the historic building, its site, and setting, such as compatible ramps, paths, and lifts.

Guideline

- A gradual slope or grade to the sidewalk may be added to access the entrance rather than installing a ramp that would be more intrusive to the historic character of the building and the district.



Period of Significance

“duration of time between beginning and ending years during which a historic district is associated with the important events, activities, persons, or attained characteristics which qualify it for historic district status”

- Mansion Hill: 1850-1930
- Third Lake Ridge: 1850-1929
- University Heights: 1893-1928
- Marquette Bungalows: 1924-1930
- First Settlement: 1850-1920





- Should buildings outside of the period of significance be held to a lesser standard for exterior alterations?
- Do we run the risk of creating a segmentation of our history by having higher standards for historic resources vs. those outside of the period of significance?
- Would lesser standards prevent those structures from being included in a possible expanded period of significance in the future?
- Would the new construction standards suffice for evaluating exterior alterations to structures outside the period of significance?
- How much do structures outside of the period of significance impact the character of the historic district?
- Is the goal of the standards to make any changes to such a structure compatible with itself or to make them more conforming to the larger assemblage of buildings within the period of significance?

