

## **Masonry Repointing Procedures within the Savannah Historic District**

In an effort to meet the preservation standards and guidelines, the Historic District Board of Review adopted the following procedures with regard to repointing:

Repointing of an historic building has the potential to alter the visual character of a structure in relationship with the neighboring contributing buildings, particularly when the structure to be repointed is part of a block or row of buildings. Additionally, the use of an incorrect mortar mix has the potential to cause permanent damage to buildings, causing the long-term erosion of soft paste brick. The Secretary of the Interior's Standard's for Rehabilitation and Preservation Brief 2: Repointing Mortar Joints in Historic Masonry Buildings are explicit concerning the manner, methods, and materials that are appropriate for the repointing of historic masonry and as such these Standards are incorporated into the historic district section (8-3030) of the city zoning ordinance.

A four foot by four foot test patch of the proposed repointing as it will appear finished (including final finish pointing style and relationship to the brick face) shall be installed in an inconspicuous location on the building.