



WINDOWS IN SAVANNAH'S HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Windows on new construction, additions and non-historic buildings should share design characteristics with historic windows. This maintains the integrity of the historic district and makes infill more compatible with historic buildings.

For more information about Savannah's Historic Districts go to www.thempc.org.

Why Keep Your Historic Windows?

Original windows are an important character-defining feature of a building. Windows contribute to the overall character of a building and should always be preserved unless damaged beyond repair. Replacing historic windows can diminish, or potentially destroy, the historic character of a building.

Original windows should always be repaired before considering replacement. The MPC Preservation Department will need to verify that historic windows are beyond repair through a scheduled site visit. When replacement is deemed necessary, the windows must be replaced in-kind, retaining the original composition, material, and design.

Routine maintenance is the best method to preserve historic windows. The National Park Service publishes two *Preservation Briefs* (<http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm>) that provide maintenance guidance: *Preservation Brief 9* for wood windows and *Preservation Brief 13* for steel windows.

Replacement Windows for Historic Buildings:

When damaged beyond repair, replacement windows must match the historic windows in composition, material, and design. Some previously approved examples include:

1. "Hope's Windows," Jamestown 175 Series, steel, awning
2. "Kolbe" Heritage Series, wood, French casement crank-out or double-hung, single-pane, TDL
3. "Marvin" Ultimate, wood, double-hung, single-pane, TDL
4. "Lincoln," wood, double-hung, single-pane, TDL
5. "VictorBilt" Historic Series, wood, double-hung, single-pane, TDL
6. "Home South Architectural," wood, double-hung, single-pane, TDL

How to improve the energy efficiency of historic windows?

Efficiency of existing historic windows can be maximized through maintenance, the application of weather-stripping and caulking, and the addition of interior storm windows and window coverings. Also, storm windows are usually much more cost effective than replacement windows. The National Trust for Historic Preservation provides comprehensive information on improving window efficiency. Visit www.preservationnation.org. Some examples include:

Interior Storm Windows:

1. "Window Systems LLC," Innerglass
2. "Indow," Window Inserts
3. "Climate Seal," Preservation Series
4. "Allied Window," Custom
5. "Magnetite," Heritage Series

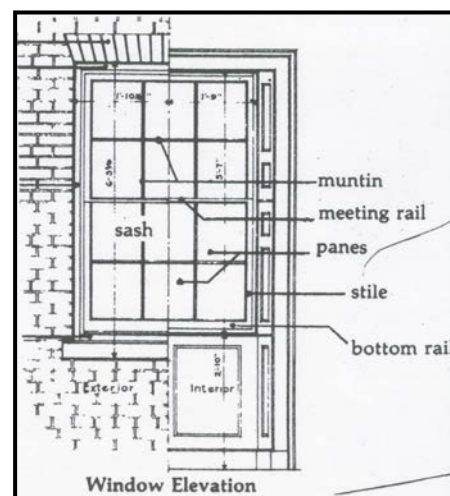
What windows are permitted on new construction?

Windows on new construction should be visually compatible with windows on contributing structures. They must be wood or wood clad. They must also possess true or simulated divided lights with spacer bars.

Windows approved for New Construction, Additions, and Non-Historic Buildings:

1. "Andersen," A-Series (fibrex clad), 200 Series (clad), 400 Series Woodwright (clad), and Architectural Collection E-Series, Eagle, Talon (clad)
2. "Jeld-Wen," Sitaline Series (formerly Premium Custom Collection)
3. "Marvin," Wood Ultimate Double-Hung, Ultimate Storm Plus, Clad Ultimate Double-Hung (Integrity not permitted)
4. "Pella," Architectural Series 850
5. "Windsor," Legend Series and Pinnacle Series
6. "PlyGem," MW Pro, Mira, and 400 Series (200 and 600 Series not permitted)
7. "Kolbe," Vistaluxe Collection and Heritage Series
8. "Sierra Pacific," Premium, and Monument Double-Hung Series (H3 2.0 not permitted)

Disclaimer: This information is provided to assist property owners. It is not an endorsement of products or exclusionary of similar products that may meet the standards in the Historic District Ordinance. (Please see Section 8-3030 of the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance for the window standards.)



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