

Summary of Proposed front porch rehabilitation
Alternative Porch Column Proposal

In response to comments made by the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the previously proposed porch-column amendment, we are submitting two revised full-height wood post designs for consideration.

The 1898 residence was constructed without a front porch. Historic documentation shows that a porch was added later, but the configuration of any porch during the Victorian Historic District’s 1870–1923 period of significance is not documented. Accordingly, neither proposed alternative is intended or represented as a reconstruction of an original 1898 porch or as a recreation of a documented historic porch configuration.

The revised proposal retains the principal objective of replacing the existing porch supports with full-height painted wood posts extending from the porch floor to the porch roof. The revised designs respond directly to the Commission’s comments regarding compatibility with the architectural character of the contributing residence.

The proposed square/chamfered wood posts use traditional materials, restrained proportions, and detailing informed by the architectural character of the house and by compatible porch vocabulary within Savannah’s Victorian Historic District.

Version A — More Articulated Treatment

Version A consists of full-height square/chamfered wood posts with traditionally proportioned bases, shafts, and capitals, together with restrained decorative brackets at the post heads.

This alternative responds most directly to the Commission’s comments regarding the Italianate architectural influences of the residence. The detailing is intended to complement those characteristics without suggesting that this exact porch configuration historically existed on the property.

Version B — Simplified Treatment

Version B uses the same full-height wood-post configuration, proportions, and traditional materials as Version A but omits the decorative brackets and simplifies the ornamental detailing.

This alternative provides a more restrained treatment while maintaining the same architectural relationship to the contributing residence.

Preservation Approach

Both alternatives are proposed as compatible rehabilitation treatments rather than historical reconstructions.

Because the historic configuration of a porch during the district’s period of significance is undocumented, the proposed designs rely on traditional materials, appropriate proportions, the architectural character of the residence, and the historic context of the surrounding Victorian Historic District.

The two alternatives are intended to respond directly to the concerns expressed during review of the previous proposal while avoiding an unsupported claim that either design recreates a documented earlier porch.

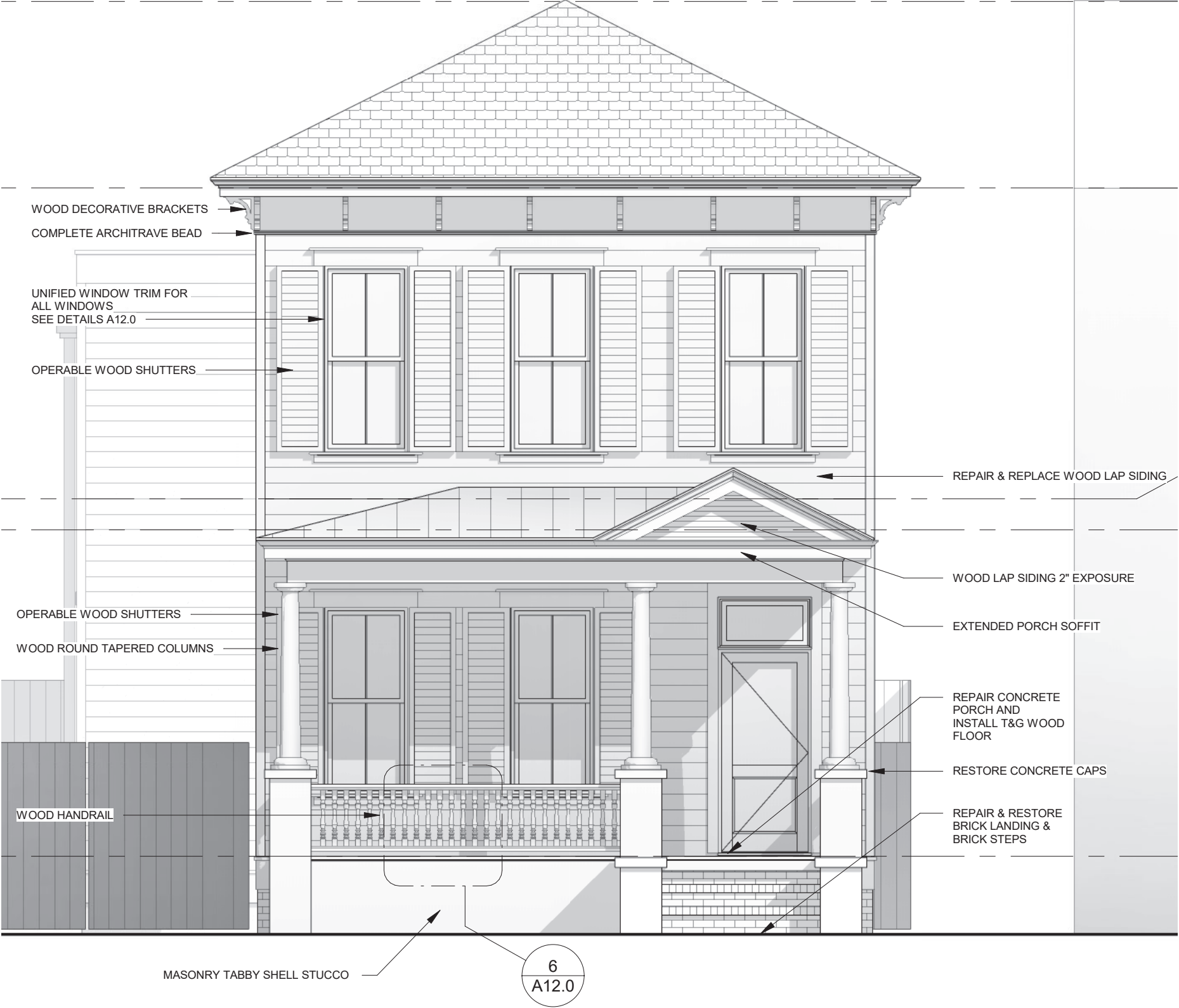
We respectfully request approval of either Version A or Version B, with a preference for Version A, as a compatible full-height wood porch-support treatment for the contributing residence.

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Current conditions

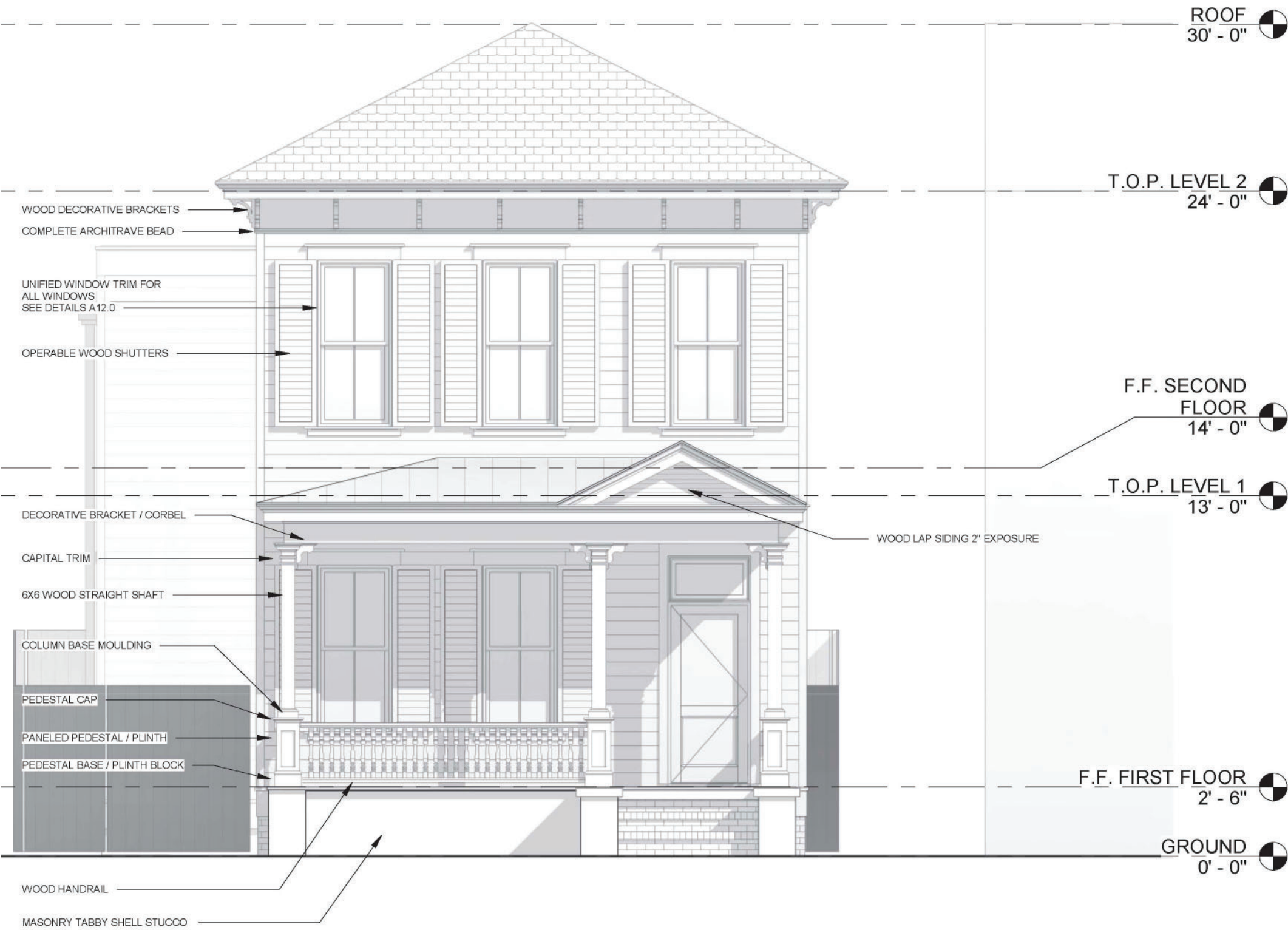


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Elevation as approved

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Version A

Elevation Amended - 6X6 wood square columns with decorative corbels at the top of all columns. Paneled column pedestal at porch floor.

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Version B

Elevation Amended - 6X6 wood square columns. Paneled column pedestal at porch floor.

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Version B