

Chapter 3 – Renovation and Alteration

3.7 Exterior Colors

- .1 Select paint color and stains that are appropriate to the historic building.
- .2 Enhance the character of a historic building through the appropriate placement and variation of exterior paint colors. Paint colors should accentuate a building's detailing and architectural style and should harmonize with surrounding properties.
- .3 Paint previously painted foundations in dark colors which best reflect foundation material.
- .4 Coat gutters and downspouts, unless they are made of copper, with paint or a baked-enamel finish in a color appropriate to the color of the historic structure.
- .5 Coat exterior storm windows with paint or a baked-enamel finish in a color appropriate to the color of the historic structure, usually the same color as the trim or window sash.
- .6 It is not appropriate to apply painted or other coatings to unpainted fence or wall materials that were not historically coated.
- .7 Do not paint front doors that were historically stained or varnished unless the doors have been substantially patched.
- .8 Paint wooden fences white or a color that coordinates with the exterior paint colors of the historic structure.
- .9 Do not use unfinished lumber or decking as the finished appearance of exterior architectural features such as porch posts, exterior stairs, or decks. Paint or stain color should be compatible with exterior colors of the historic building.
- .10 Select fabric awning colors that are compatible in hue and intensity with the exterior colors of the historic building.