

## Chapter 2 – Site and Setting

### 2.4 Public Rights-of-Way and Alleys

- .1 Preserve and maintain the relationship between historic buildings and their sites to the surrounding streets, sidewalks, planting strips, and alleys.
- .2 Preserve and maintain the public-right-of-way features such as trees, streetlights, benches, ground cover, sidewalk paving patterns, curbs and gutters.
  - .1 Introduce new plantings in the public right-of-way that compliment the historic character of the district.
- .3 Protect and retain historic features such as granite curbs, brick gutters and mature trees during repair or construction work in the public right-of-way. Any damaged or deteriorated elements shall be repaired using recognized preservation repair methods for the material. If replacement is required, replace only the deteriorated portion, matching the original element in design, dimension, texture, color and material.
- .4 Prune and trim trees in the public right-of-way in a manner that preserves and perpetuates the existing tree canopies. A mature tree may be removed only after written certification of its unhealthy condition by an arborist, a landscape architect, a cooperative agent, or a city-designated agent. Diseased or severely damaged trees in the public right-of-way shall be replaced with a new tree of a similar or identical species. See the standards for “Site Features and Plantings” regarding new tree locations.
- .5 Locate street furniture, mailboxes, newspaper racks, and the like, unobtrusively, so as not to interfere with pedestrian traffic nor the historic character of the district. These elements shall be incorporated into the historic environment in appearance and distribution.
- .6 Limit the addition of signage and above-ground utilities in the public right-of-way and alleys. Locate so as to least impact the historic character of the district, and screen with plantings, walls or fences.
- .7 Locate necessary trash receptacles and dumpster in side and rear yards. In all cases, trash receptacles and dumpster shall be screened from public view with fences, walls and plantings.