

REHABILITATION STOREFRONT

Storefront refers to the first floor of historic commercial buildings usually consisting of an entrance, display windows, transoms, and bulkheads.

GOAL:

The primary goal is to maintain the original materials and configuration of the storefront.

Actions to achieve the goal:

- Maintain historic cast iron columns.
- Maintain transoms. Reopening previously covered transoms is encouraged.
- Maintain original window components replacing only damaged portions.
- Maintain the high ratio of window to wall in display area. Restoring previously enclosed display windows based on documentation or traditional design is encouraged.
- Maintain original bulkheads, replacing with the same materials only if necessary.

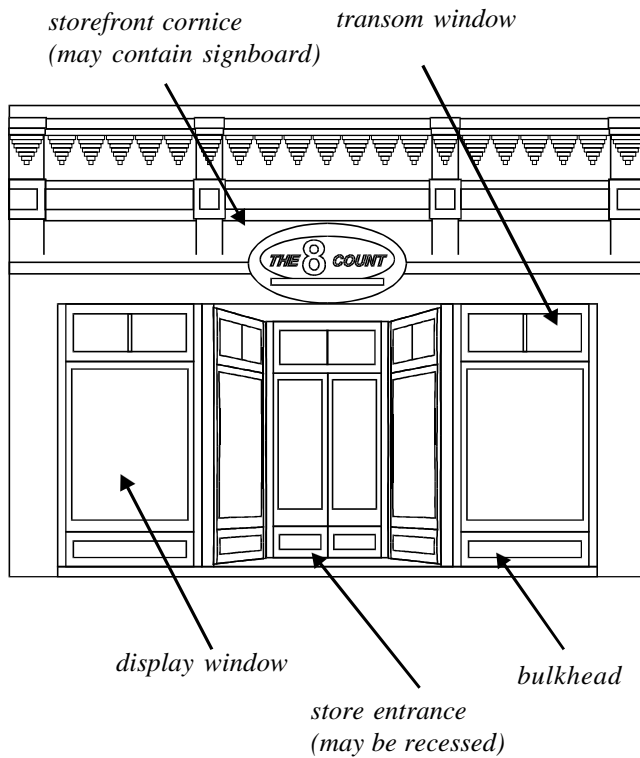
Glossary terms:

Bulkhead: p. 20

Documentation: p. 20

In-kind material: p. 20

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Examples: Changes requiring a COA

- * Replacement of 25%+ of the existing storefront.
- * Replacement of a nonhistoric storefront.
- * Replacement of the bulkheads.
- * Replacement of all glass.

Examples: Changes not requiring a COA

- * Repair of broken glass with clear glass.
- * Replacement with in-kind material if less than 25% of the storefront.

Common Mistakes

- ▶ Replacing wooden bulkheads with brick. [A]
- ▶ Replacing display windows with smaller or more elaborate windows. [B]
- ▶ Replacing display windows with wall surface.
- ▶ Placing window air conditioners in transom windows.
- ▶ Covering transom windows with plywood. [C]

