

Glossary

A

Arcade: A series of arches supported by columns or piers; a building or part of a building with a series of arches; a roofed passageway.

B

Baluster: A vertical, often vase-shaped, support for a rail.

Balustrade: A series of balusters with a top and bottom rail.

Bargeboard: (Vergeboard) A decorative board covering the projection portion of a gable roof.

C

Casement Window: A hinged window that opens out from the building.

D

Dormer: A secondary feature of a building housing a window or vent, which is set upon the slope of a roof surface. Provide ventilation, lighting, or auxiliary living space.

F

Façade: The elevation or face of a building.

Fenestration: The arrangement of windows, doors and other exterior openings in a building.

G

Gable Roof: A triangular section at the end of a pitched roof.

K

Kick Plates: Rectangular (long narrow) recessed panel located below a storefront window.

Knee Brace: A wooden triangular brace that supports the eaves of a building. Frequently utilized in the construction of Bungalow style residences.

M

Mansard Roof: A roof having two slopes on all four sides.

Mullion: A division between multiple windows or screens.

Muntin: The small members that divide glass in a window frame; vertical separators between panels in a panel door.

P

Parapet: A low, solid protective wall or railing along the edge of a roof or balcony, usually used to surround a flat or built-up roof.

Pediment: A wide low-pitched gable end of the roof; also the triangular crowning element used over doors and windows.

Porte Cochere: A covered entrance projecting so automobiles, carriages, or the wheeled vehicles may easily pass through.

Portico: The space enclosed within columns and forming a covered ambulatory.

R

Rustication: A method of forming stonework with recessed joints and smooth or roughly textured block faces.

S

Sash: A frame that encloses the panes of a window.

Soffit: The exposed underface of an overhead component of a building structure.

String Course: A narrow continuous ornamental band set in the face of a building as a design element.

T

Transom Window: A glass pane, usually rectangular, which is located above a window or door.