

Siding Materials and Features

The exterior siding of a structure is usually composed of wood or masonry. Wood siding is a common feature of the Frame Vernacular, Bungalow, Colonial Revival and Queen Anne styles. Generally, the wood siding is oriented in a horizontal pattern. Wood siding types are clapboard or weatherboard, beveled or drop. Wood shake shingles are also used as siding on Queen Anne, Frame Vernacular and Bungalow styles.

Masonry exterior finishes are common to commercial structures. Typically the materials are brick, rusticated block or stucco over concrete block or wood. The brick or block patterns on a structure are generally horizontal. Details such as brick corbelling, bonding pattern, joint spacing and color are important to the historic character of the building. Stucco finishes have many variations from smooth to textured. Stucco finish is also a common feature on residential structures with Mediterranean and Spanish design influences. Brick or stone is a common primary feature of the Commercial Vernacular style.

Another siding material is asbestos shingle, which is sometimes used in the Queen Anne style.

Guidelines for Wood Siding:

1. Siding shall be repaired or replaced with the same material, orientation (horizontal or vertical), board width, and length as the existing.

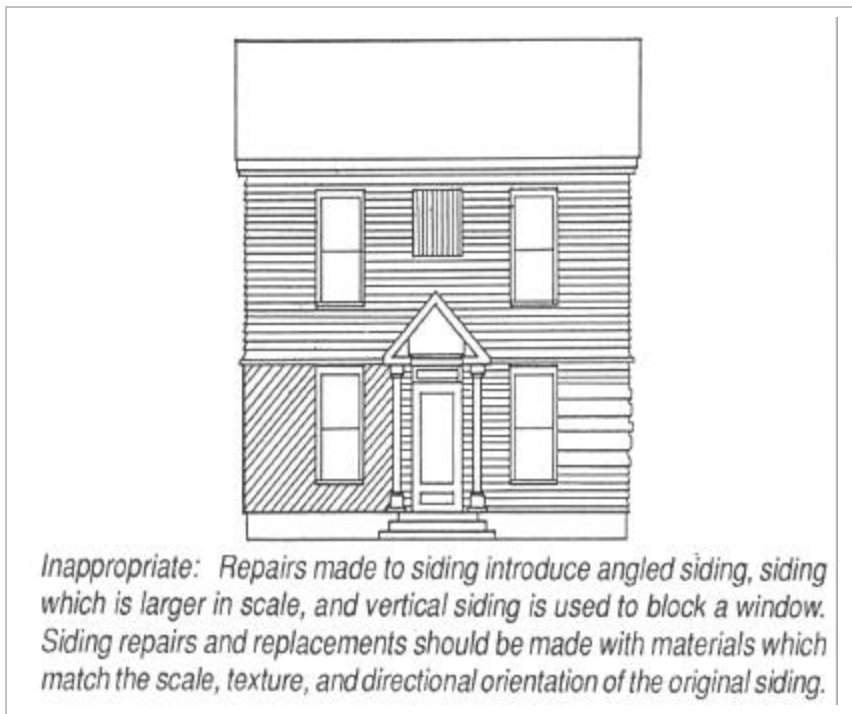
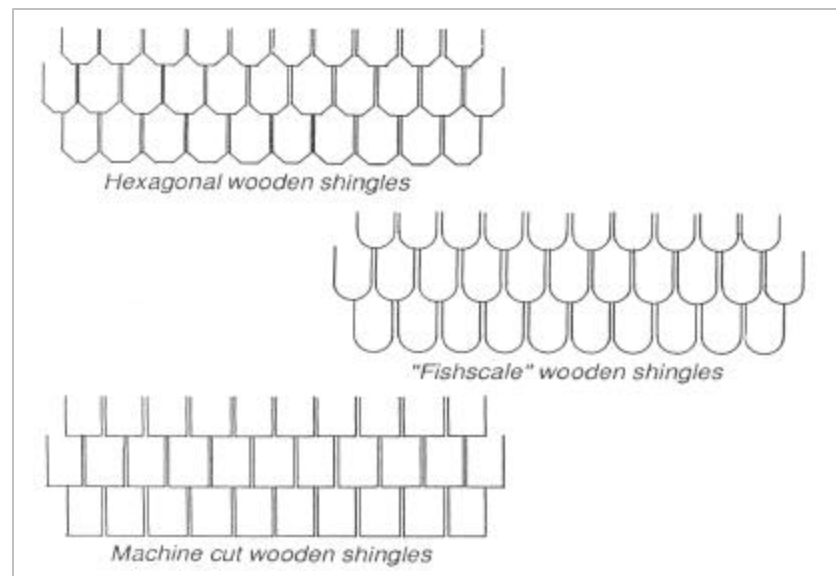
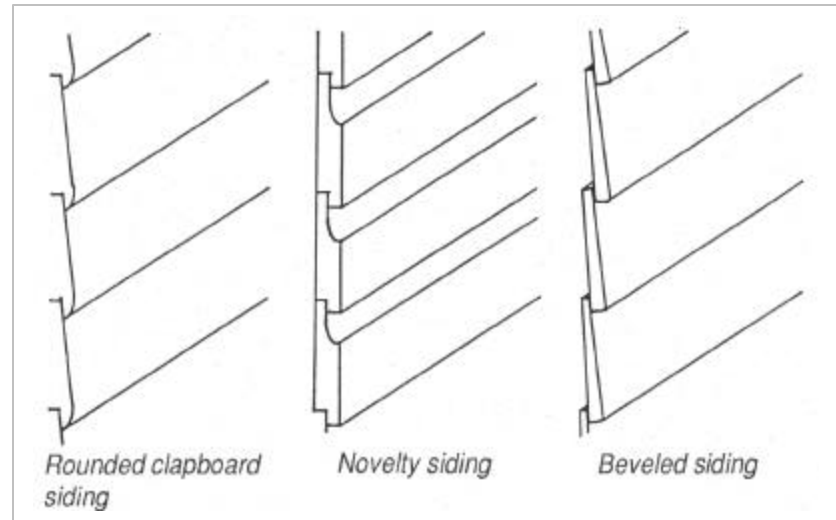
2. If the siding on the entire structure is to be replaced then guideline #1 applies or at the discretion of the City, siding that is characteristic of the architectural style of the structure may be used.
3. Replacement of siding shall maintain existing decorative trim around windows and doors, corner boards and/or corner detailing and trim along rooflines.
4. Application of a non-historic covering over wood such as aluminum, vinyl, stucco, T1-11 or permastone is prohibited. Aluminum and vinyl replicating the original is discouraged. Such coverings hide details and trap moisture, which can cause damage to the underlying wood.
5. Striping paint or other coating to expose the original coated or raw surface and using a clear finish or stain as the finished surface is prohibited.

Masonry Guidelines:

6. Masonry shall be repaired or replaced with the same brick and using the same brick patterns and color; and for stucco surfaces using the same texture and pattern.
7. Brick or stone shall be cleaned using the gentlest method possible. Sandblasting brick or stone surfaces is discouraged, as this will permanently scar and erode the surface and damage mortar joints.

8. Brick or stone shall not be painted, unless the brick or stone is already painted; or when a masonry surface is deteriorated beyond repair and painting is the only means to protect further deterioration of the surface.
9. Application of a non-historic covering over masonry such as aluminum, vinyl, stucco, T1-11 or permastone is prohibited.

Wood Siding Materials and Patterns



Inappropriate: Repairs made to siding introduce angled siding, siding which is larger in scale, and vertical siding is used to block a window. Siding repairs and replacements should be made with materials which match the scale, texture, and directional orientation of the original siding.

