

COMMERCIAL BLDGS.

STOREFRONTS

# *Cedartown Guidelines*

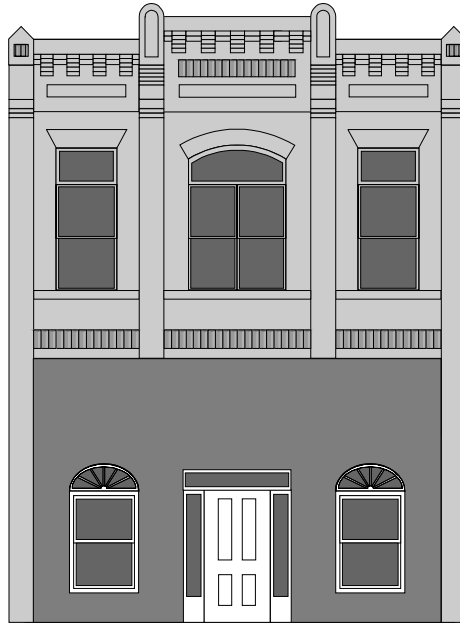


Entrances and display windows combine to form a street level storefront for commercial buildings. Storefronts are a distinctive feature of the commercial district. Historic storefront design includes the primary entrance, large display windows, panels beneath the windows known as bulkheads, a transom row above the windows, and ornamentation such as cast iron columns, a decorative cornice line, and other details. This arrangement of features provided an ideal opportunity to display goods for public viewing. Recessed entrances and double doors also contribute to storefront design.

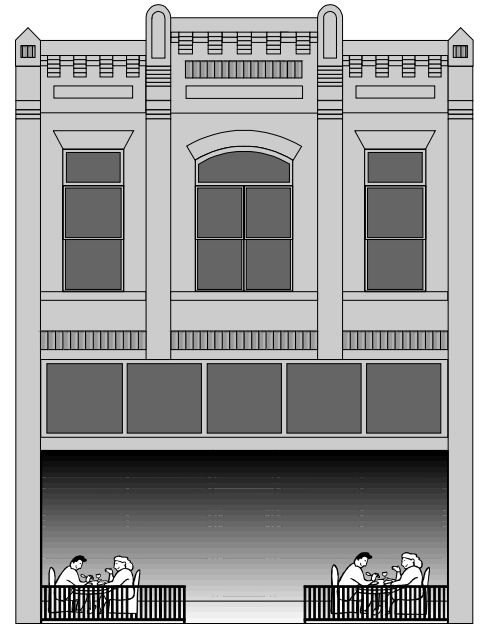
- Maintain and preserve historic storefronts including materials, configuration, and components, especially cast iron columns. Repair damaged portions of historic windows rather than replacing them in total. If the historic storefront is too deteriorated to repair, the replacement should accurately replicate the original.
- Maintain transoms. Reopening previously covered transoms is encouraged.
- Maintain the high ratio of window to wall in display area. Restoring previously enclosed display windows based on documentation or traditional design is encouraged.
- Replacement of non-historic storefronts should be based on historical research and physical evidence. Where no documentation exists, a new storefront should be a design which is compatible with original storefronts of adjacent and nearby historic buildings. New designs should be compatible with the size, scale, material, and color of the historic building. Aluminum may be used for the immediate framing of the glass and should be anodized or powder coated a dark color.



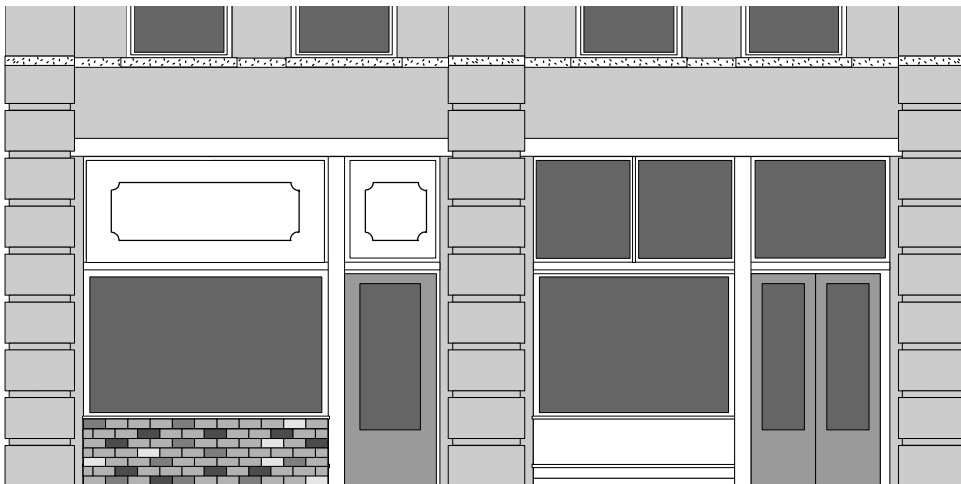
*Traditional storefront configuration – solid-to-void, component placement, component materials, etc. – is very important to the character of the historic commercial area.*



*Storefronts should **not** be infilled to create less visibility for professional uses.*



*Store fronts should **not** be removed and recessed to create outdoor dining nor should new storefronts be recessed.*



*Replacing transoms with solid material and changing wooden bulkheads to brick should **not** occur.*