ALTERATIONS

30-72.2 **UDO Design Principle:** Alterations shall restore a structure’s original elements, materials and appearance, if economically or physically feasible. Alterations affecting the exterior of a structure shall preserve all significant original exterior elements, including building materials, doors, windows, and decorative elements. Elements that are not original, but which may have acquired significance by virtue of age or craftsmanship, shall also be preserved. Alterations that disguise or sheath original elements and materials will not be permitted. Storefronts and commercial building facades shall be treated as a whole, and alterations to the first floor should be compatible with the upper floor(s).

**Recommended**

- Maintain the architectural integrity of the building.
- Choose materials and treatments that maintain the character of the building’s architectural style.
- Retain features that are characteristic of the architectural style, or replace them in-kind when necessary.

**Not Recommended**

- Do not add historic ornamentation where none existed to create the illusion of a historic structure.

**Application Requirements for Alterations:**

- Signed application form with complete project description
- Photos of existing conditions
- List of materials and specifications
- Scaled drawings of proposed alterations
- Site plan (as required)

**REMEMBER:**

Alterations to non-contributing buildings are also subject to HDRC review and should follow the design guidelines.

The curb appeal of this house was improved with some well-designed alterations.