

PORCHES & DECKS

30-72.8 UDO Design Principle: Porches, porticos, stoops, entryways, loading docks and exterior stairways shall be of a scale, design, material, and color that complement the existing facade and its individual elements. Loading docks and service entrances shall be located inconspicuously and should be considered a part of a building's overall design scheme.

Porches

Porches are prominent design elements that, along with window and door openings, can provide useful clues in determining the age and style of a residence. Porches also provide a sense of scale, orient buildings to the street, and often encourage personal interaction among neighbors. Because of their architectural significance and character-defining features, porches should be preserved in their original form.

Recommended

- Preserve original or historically significant porches.
- Maintain historic porch materials and details.
- Replace materials and details only if they cannot be repaired.
- If it is necessary to replace a porch, reconstruct it to match the original in form and detail.
- Space balusters to replicate the original spacing.



The railing, posts, and fretwork are significant features of this porch.

Not Recommended

- Do not enclose or screen a front porch.
- Do not replace wood columns or balustrades with “wrought iron” railings and posts.
- Do not replace deteriorated wood porch floors or steps with concrete. They should be repaired with in-kind materials.



The front porch of this bungalow was enclosed, obscuring its architectural style.

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Decks

Decks are a late twentieth century invention and are a popular way to create an outdoor living space. They should be designed to complement the style of the house and the scale of the house and the back yard. Please contact the City Building Department for safety codes when planning to install a new deck.

UDO Sec. 30-81.2.5 Accessory Structures

A deck, patio, or gazebo shall be allowed only in the rear yard and located at least 5 feet from any lot line.



This deck complements the style and scale of the house.

The following projects require a CoA:

- ✓ Replacing the porch railing or details
- ✓ Replacing porch stairs
- ✓ Replacing porch decking
- ✓ Replacing entire porch
- ✓ Addition of a deck

Application Requirements:

- ▶ Signed application form with complete project description
- ▶ Photos of existing conditions
- ▶ List of materials and specifications
- ▶ Manufacturer's literature (for new products)
- ▶ Scaled drawings (as required)