

# Interpretation of Terms Related to Compliance

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These definitions apply to terms related to compliance in this document.

*Appropriate* - In some cases, a stated action or design choice is classified as being "appropriate". In such cases, by choosing the design approach referred to as "appropriate," the applicant will be in compliance with the guideline. However, in other cases, there may be a design that is not expressly mentioned that also may be deemed "appropriate" by the HPC.

*Consider* - When the term "consider" is used, a design suggestion is offered as an example of one method of how the design guideline at hand could be met. Applicants may elect to follow the suggestion, but may also seek alternative means of meeting the design guidelines. In other cases, the applicant is instructed to evaluate the ability to take the course recommended in the context of the specific project.

*Context* - In many cases, the applicant is instructed to relate to the context of the project area. The "context" relates to those properties and structures adjacent to, and within the same block as, the proposed project.

*Contributing Structure* - Architecturally, historically or geographically significant buildings or structures are generally considered to be "contributing" to the history of an area.

*Historic* - In general, a historic property is one that is at least 40 years old or older, associated with significant people or events or conveys a character of building and design found during

the city's period of significance. In the context of this document, an "historic" property is one that is officially designated by the City and listed on the "Aspen Inventory of Historic Sites and Structures." Note that in some cases, a property is also listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places.

*Imperative mood* - Throughout this document, many of the guidelines are written in the imperative mood. The reader is often instructed to "maintain" or "preserve" an established characteristic. For example, one guideline states: "Maintain the original proportions of a door." In such cases, the applicant shall comply. The imperative mood is used, in part, because this document is intended to serve an educational role as well as a regulatory one.

*Inappropriate* - Inappropriate means impermissible. When the term "inappropriate" is used, the relevant design approach should not be allowed. For example, one guideline states: "A new addition that creates an appearance inconsistent with the historic character of the building is inappropriate." In this case, a design out of character with the historic building would not be approved.

*Infill* - A new construction project that occurs on a vacant lot within a historic neighborhood is generally considered to be "infill" development.

*Integrity* - A building's "integrity" is a measure of the wholeness or quality of all of the historic features which make up the building. A building that has been added to and had features removed is said to have had its integrity compromised.



