

Accessory Structures

AS1 Preserve and repair historic accessory structures (i.e. garages, carriage houses, sheds or other outbuildings) and their character-defining features, including doors, siding, windows, architectural ornament and roofs.

AS2 Deteriorated elements of a historic accessory structure should be repaired if possible, or replaced in-kind if repair is not feasible. See relevant sections of the Design Guidelines (i.e. “*Windows*” or “*Siding & Trim*”) for guidance on addressing individual building elements.

AS3 If a historic accessory structure is deteriorated beyond repair or has been removed, the design of a new structure should be based on historic documentation or physical or pictorial evidence. If no such documentation is available, the design should be guided by the design of the primary structure and other nearby secondary structures.

AS4 Design new accessory structures so they complement the scale, setback, roof form, design and materials of the primary building and surrounding secondary structures.

AS5 Site new accessory structures - particularly garages -adjacent to alleys where possible. Where no alleys exist, site new accessory structures to the rear of the property behind the primary structure, with access through the side yard.

AS6 Use a separate door for each bay of a multi-car garage. Consider using paneled or ‘carriage house’-type doors rather than standard overhead doors. Wood or aluminum-clad wood doors are preferred.

AS7 Modifying or relocating alley-facing garage door openings to accommodate larger modern vehicles should be investigated as an alternative before demolition of a historic garage and new construction.

AS8 Detached garages are most appropriate for use in the historic district. Attached garages should be located on a secondary façade, and the garage door should not be visible from the front. The Design Guidelines for additions should be applied.

AS9 The roof pitch of new accessory structures should be no less than one in six. If the roofline of the primary structure is a character-defining feature, consider echoing that roofline on the outbuilding.



This carriage house may predate the primary structure it serves and is an important part of the character of its Cedar Bough Place neighborhood.

AS10 Materials used for new accessory structures should reflect the utilitarian function of the building and the materials used on surrounding structures. Wood siding (clapboard or board and batten), brick, concrete block and stucco are all materials used on accessory structures in New Albany’s historic districts.

AS11 If a garage, carriage house or other accessory structure is being converted to a new use, avoid making changes that will alter its essential utilitarian character or its relationship to the primary structure.



This structure on Dewey Street began its life as the carriage house for the Shipman-McCord Mansion. Although it has since been adapted to residential use, it retains its utilitarian character and position behind the main house.

The simple design and hipped roof of this modern garage complement the American Foursquare style of the home it serves, as does the Craftsman-inspired door.

