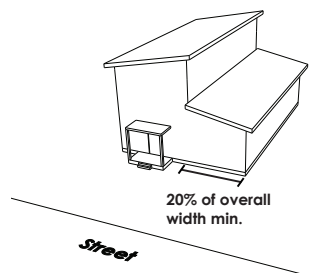
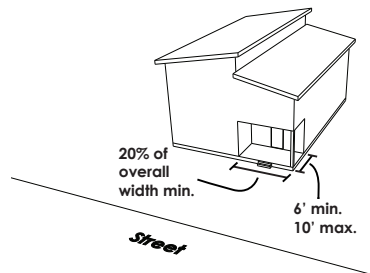
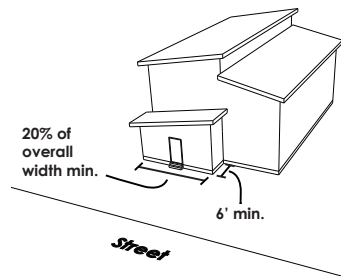


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Traditional homes in Aspen set a basis for design elements such as entry features, materials, and setbacks that the new design standards update would still reinforce.



Porches and entry features are a primary focus of the project. Standards established a number of appropriate scenarios that would assist the review process.

Residential Design Standards Update

The City of Aspen first adopted Residential Design Standards in 1995. While the original Standards provided a solid baseline for the city for many years, the design community, City staff and City review boards felt strongly that the current standards were too rigid and tended to force particular architectural styles and did not respond appropriately to the varying residential contexts in Aspen. Winter & Company assisted the City in a Residential Design Standards Update process that engaged staff, a special committee of local architects and the wider community in identifying specific issues with the standards and opportunities for their improvements.

Working with staff and an Advisory Committee made up of local architects, Winter & Company completed a comprehensive update to the guidelines. The new Residential Design Standards increase usability through a reorganization of topics, enhanced intent statements and clear illustrative graphics. The Standards now provide greater flexibility by including multiple options for meeting certain requirements and by introducing an “alternative compliance” process under which an applicant can design a custom solution for meeting a standard providing it meets



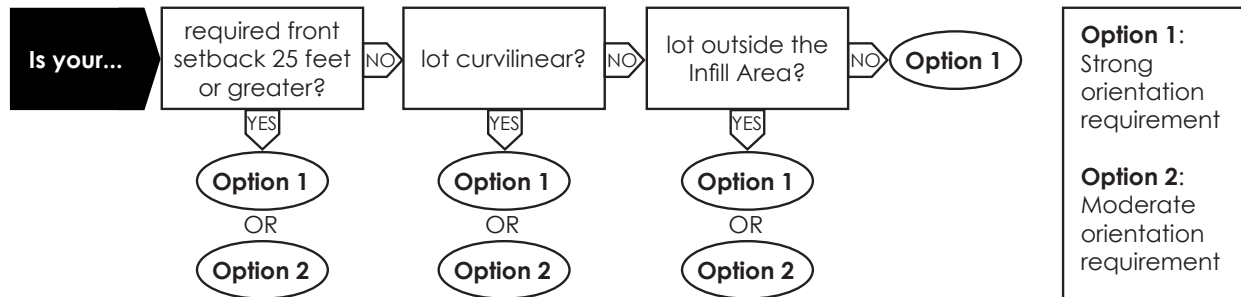
More contemporary residential architecture in Aspen required new design standards that provided more flexibility in style while still achieving contextually appropriate design.



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The design guidelines include diagrams that help users determine which categories of the standards apply to different design contexts.

the overall intent of the standard.

The Standards Update process also included a revised approach to applicability to respond more appropriately to lot, neighborhood and site-oriented characteristics. For example, the updated standards provide greater flexibility for building orientation on a curved street than on a simple gridded block.

SERVICES:

- » Residential Design Standards Update
- » Design Review

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