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The Design Guidelines in Mobile strive to preserve the integrity of historically significant residential structures throughout the city.



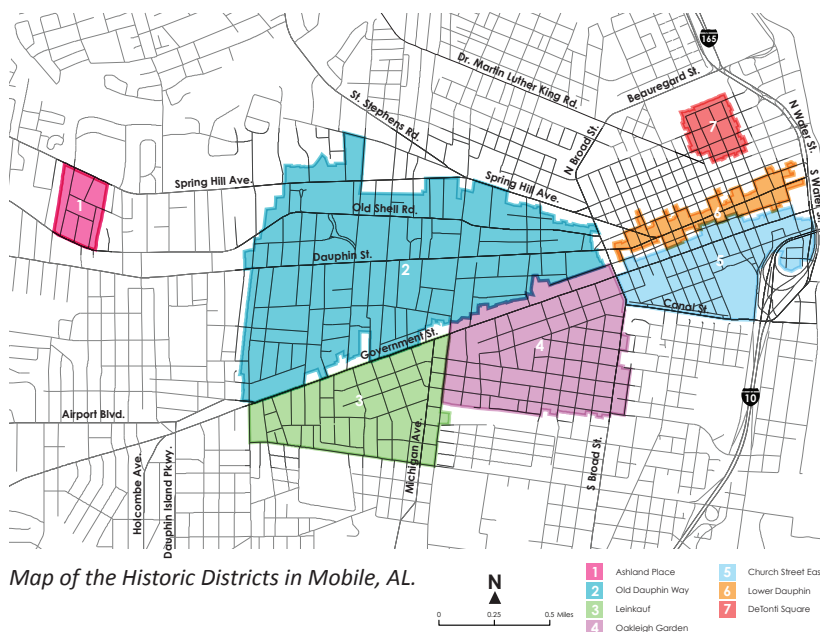
Lower Dauphin Street is a commercial historic district in Mobile that was of primary focus in the guidelines project.



There are a number of historic civic and religious buildings throughout the historic districts that needed guidelines specifically tailored to these resource types.

Historic District Design Guidelines

Historic resources strongly influence Mobile's identity and the City has developed strong policies for their protection. To this end, Winter & Company assisted the City with a comprehensive update to the citywide preservation guidelines that had been in place for nearly two decades. The City sought to incorporate flexibility into the design guidelines to allow for a wide variety of context-sensitive designs, respond more specifically to individual historic districts, and incorporate guidelines that address the use of sustainability features on historic properties. The project also focused on reorganizing, rewriting and heavily illustrating the guidelines to aid in staff and Architectural Review Board (ARB) interpretation and create a user-friendly document. To achieve these objectives, Winter & Company worked closely with staff, the ARB and community members to create a highly illustrative document that is clear, instructive, consistent and flexible.



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The Design Review Guidelines for Mobile's Historic Districts is a single document that addresses treatment of historic resources, new construction, site planning, demolition and a wide array of other topics. Clear intent statements identify the primary objectives for each section and graphics tailored to Mobile's unique historic districts help illustrate compatible design for new commercial development.

The guidelines address basic urban design topics including:

- » Treatment of historic resources
- » Site planning
- » New construction
- » Demolition
- » Compatible design for new commercial development

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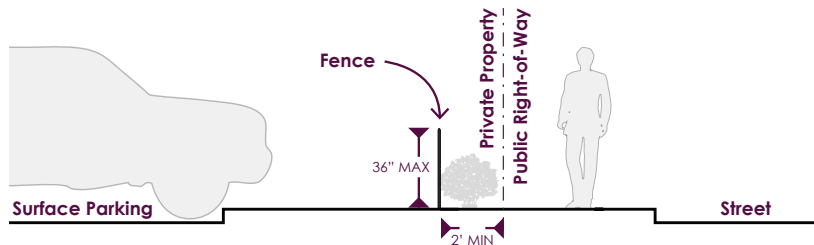
- » Historic District Design Guidelines
- » Conservation District Designation
- » Design Review

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Several diagrams throughout the document illustrate guidelines and standards in order to aid in staff and Architectural Review Board (ARB) interpretation, and to create a user-friendly document.



Commercial infill projects should follow the traditional fabric of the context. Setbacks, building orientation, and height are among the necessary guidelines for new commercial infill.



Street trees are key features in many of Mobile's historic districts. This required guidelines to preserve the original trees in the area.



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