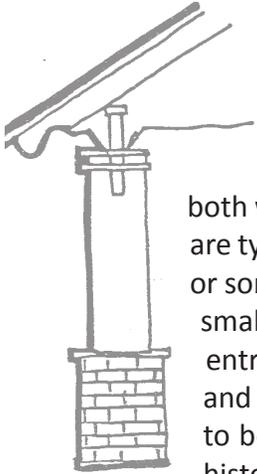


## Changes to the Building Exterior

### 2.8 PORCHES, ENTRANCES, AND DECKS



Entrances, porches, and decks often distinguish the street façades and main entrances of historic buildings and provide highly visible opportunities for stylistic embellishments. Front porches, balconies, side porches, mudrooms, back porches, and rear entries and decks provide the addition of outdoor “rooms” and living spaces. In Covington, many porches on the front of buildings span the entire width of the house. These porches are built in both wood and brick and can have elaborate turned baluster, or simple brick walls. Porch ceilings are typically made with bead board. The floors may be tongue and groove wood, poured cement, or sometimes masonry floors. The Covington-Newport house type have, enclosed entry ways in small side porches or wood door hoods to provide protection from the elements. Whether the entrance is on the front or the side of the building it helps to pay attention to the front doorway and its features. It also helps to provide protection from the elements while waiting for the door to be opened. The prominent character-defining role of front entrances and porches for most historic buildings, make their preservation and retention of primary importance.



Front porch example

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Example of front porch

#### **GUIDELINES:**

1. Retain and repair porches, entrances, and decks that add to the historic character of the building, including porches or decks added later in the building's history.
2. Do not enclose porches on primary façades. Porches on secondary façades may be enclosed with glass and minimal framing.
3. Match the texture, color, overall style, detailing, and scale of a new porch or deck to the building to which it is being added.
4. The roof, railings, and trim of a new porch or deck shall match the overall style and character of the existing building.
5. Do not install porches or decks made of pressure-treated lumber on a façade that can be seen from a public right-of-way. Pressure-treated lumber may be used for rear decks and porches. Lumber used and seen from the public right-of-way is to be stained or painted.
6. The removal of structural elements is not permitted and can cause instability or stress on a porch roof.
7. Generally, decks are permissible on rear elevations when they do not detract from the architectural character of the building and are not highly visible from the public right of way.