

Single Family Design Guide

Please use this guide to supplement the explanations and requirements as described in the Single Family Design Guidelines.

Exterior Materials

Criteria: Exterior materials are primarily brick, wood, cement board, smart board stucco, stone and/or other natural material.

Less points will be awarded to designs included exterior materials of mostly premium vinyl (.044 thickness), with some brick or stone (may be cultured)

CAN (LP Smart Side)



CANNOT (All Vinyl)



CAN (Vinyl + Brick)



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Windows

Objective: To preserve and encourage historical homes in the City of La Crosse

Criteria: Elevations facing a street have a minimum of 20% area as windows. Elevations not facing a street have a minimum of 10% area as windows. Windows are double/single hung, casement, awning or picture/fixed appropriate to the style of the house design.

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Window Trim/Projection

Objective:

Criteria: Building façades visible from a public street employs techniques to recess or project individual windows at least two inches from the façade or incorporate window trim at least four inches in width that features color that contrasts with the base building color

Exceptions will be considered where buildings employ other distinctive window or face treatment that adds depth and visual interest to the building

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Garage

Criteria: Vehicular access shall be from alley if present. Exterior materials are compatible with the house. Front wall is set back a minimum of 5 feet from front elevation of house.

If garage is facing street, must include 2 of the following:

Decorative trellis over entire garage



Decorative windows



2 separate doors for 2-car garage



Decorative details on garage door (standard squares on garage door will not qualify)



Basement

Criteria: The house provides a basement as defined by code. Stubbed plumbing and egress window(s) for future use. Exceptions may be made for accessibility concerns and/or flood plain concerns.

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Porch

Criteria: An unenclosed front porch/front entry comprising of at least 30% of the front elevation

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Architectural Design

Criteria: House design must meet at least 2 of the following architectural design elements



**Bay windows
or bump outs**



**Decorative door
design including
transom and/or
side light**

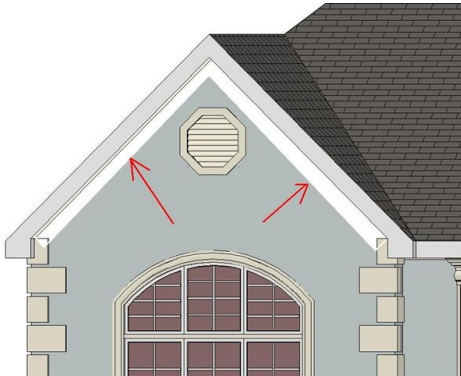


**Decorative roofline
elements including
brackets, dormers,
eyebrows or chim-
neys**





Decorative building materials including decorative masonry such as brick, tile, stone, or other materials with decorative qualities



FriezeBoard (board horizontal bands) under eaves facing the street



Uses roof returns



Corners on front elevation use corner trim





Distinctive paint scheme



Shakes or shingles are incorporated



Historic Homes Styles

Objective: To preserve and encourage historical homes in the City of La Crosse

Criteria: Home closely matches one of the following La Crosse historic home styles



Bungalow

- Low-pitch roof, often with broad eaves
- Large, covered front porch
- 1—1 1/2 stories
- Open floor plan
- Ample windows





Craftsman

- Large, covered front porch with supportive columns
- Stone detail
- Low-pitched roof
- Exposed rafters and beams



Cape Cod

- Square shape
- Steep pitched, gable roof
- Double dormers and windows
- Central door with windows on each side



Farmhouse

- Two stories
- Gable roof
- Simple, vertical lines
- Functional porch



Four Square



- Boxy, cubic shape
- Large central dormer
- Full width front porch
- Pyramidal, hipped roof, often with wide eaves



Tudor/European



- Decorative half-timbering
- Steeply pitched roof
- Mixed siding materials
- Elaborate entryway



Colonial



- Five windows across front
- Shutters
- Symmetrical shape
- Centered front door





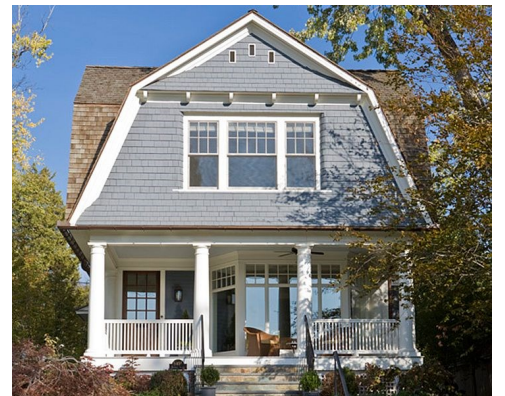
Cottage Style

- Asymmetrical
- Cross-gabled, medium to steeply pitched roofs, sometimes with clipped gables
- Small home with stone or wood siding



Gambrel/Dutch-Style

- Distinct roof with flared eaves
- Siding often shingle, brick or stone
- Decorative windows in gable end
- Columns on porch



Prairie

- Strong horizontal lines
- Broad, overhanging eaves
- Flat roofs
- Rows of windows



Front Entry

Criteria: The primary entrance is on the front elevation and faces the street

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Roof

Objective: To minimize bulk of roof or the appearance of “barracks”.

Criteria: Gable roofs are 6:12 pitch or steeper; hip roof is 4:12 pitch or steeper. Roofs are shingles, metal or standing seam roofs. Roof overhangs extend a minimum of 12 inches on all elevations.

The ridgeline of any large roof (ridgeline of 40 feet or greater in length) are broken up with shifts in height, cupolas, eyebrows, chimneys, dormers or other features to minimize bulk.

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