Traditional Commercial Building


## Fundamental Style Eements:

- Building is subdivided horizontally into central and flanking sections. Central bay is emphasized over flanking sections.
- Building is subdivided vertically into base, middle and top sections.
- Building has tall ground floor with highly articulated storefronts.
- Facade has parapet or roof elements that are elaborately composed.
- Ornamental elements are prolifically incorporated.
- Entries and store fronts have elaborate framing details for window and door elements.
- Doors are tall and highly detailed.
- Windows are proportioned vertically.
- Windows have elaborate framing and
 cornice elements.
- Windows may incorporate shutters and awnings.
- Windows may incorporate stained or beveled and leaded glass.
- Rooflines emphasize sections of the facade with emphasis on the center.



## Traditional Commercial Building

## Facade Composition and Building Artic ulation

Features shown in this section correspond to the Rockwood Design Standards found in Section 7.0503(1)(B)(2)(D). Italicized elements are not required by the Design Standards but are provided for additional guidance.

Arches over windows add detail

Changes in wall plane highlight important facade sections

Repeating pattern of columns or pilasters create order in the facade

Belt course above the ground floor differentiates the building base from upper stories.

For illustrative purposes, the elevation contains simplified outline (left) and detailed rendering (right)


## Ground Level Details

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Building Type: Commercial

## Traditional Commercial Building

## Windows and Transparency

Features shown in this section correspond to the Rockwood Design Standards found in Section 7.0503(1)(B)(4)(D). Italicized elements are not required by the Design Standards but are provided for additional guidance.

Vertically-proportioned windows historically maximize window area while minimizing spanning distance


Windows show spanning element, such as an arch (flat arch shown) with keystone; see Section 7.0503(1)(B)(2)(D) and 7.0503(1)(B) (3)(D)

Sills project from window and are typically visually distinct from surrounding wall: see Section 7.0503(1)(B)(3)(D)


When spanning elements are not shown, decorative features surround windows

Windows comprised of small lights with simple, often symmetrical, mullions


Windows are often grouped into large openings. Stone or brick columns frequently divided individual windows


## Building Entry

Features shown in this section correspond to the Rockwood Design Standards found in Section 7.0503(1)(B)(5)(D). Italicized elements are not required by the Design Standards but are provided for additional guidance.

Primary entry is emphasized with a change in depth along the facade and a change in roof form at the top of the building


## Details

Italicized features shown in this section do not correspond to the Rockwood Design Standards and are not required but are provided for additional guidance.

Medallion Example


Awning and Canopy Examples


Light Fixture Examples


## Traditional Commercial Building

## Roof Conditions

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Decorative panels/terra cotta on cornice


## Materials

Features shown in this section correspond to the Rockwood Design Standards found in Section 7.0503(1)(B)(7)(D). Italicized elements are not required by the Design Standards but are provided for additional guidance.

Primary Materials

- Brick
- Stone

Secondary and Accent Materials

- Ceramic Tile
- Terra Cotta
- Wood
- Metal (patina finish)

Ornate brick details are frequently located above windows and at the cornice Split stone details or facades are not
uncommon in traditional buildings Split stone details or facades are not
uncommon in traditional buildings



Transitional Commercial Building


## Fundamental Style Eements:

- Building is subdivided horizontally into central and flanking sections.
- Building is subdivided vertically into base, middle and top sections.
- Facade has a tall ground floor with modestly detailed store fronts.
- Facade has parapet or roof elements that are simply composed.
- Ornamental elements are modestly incorporated.
- Entries and storefronts have simple framing details for window and door elements.
- Doors are tall and moderately detailed.
- Windows are proportioned to balance horizontal and vertical dimensions.
- Windows have simple framing elements.
- Rooflines emphasize sections of the facade with emphasis on the center.




## Transitional Commercial Building

## Facade Composition and Building Artic ulation

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## Ground Level Details

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Belt course over the ground floor is
simplified

Transom windows above the storefront with larger lights


## Transitional Commercial Building

## Windows and Transparency

Features shown in this section correspond to the Rockwood Design Standards found in Section 7.0503(1)(B)(4)(D). Italicized elements are not required by the Design Standards but are provided for additional guidance.

Windows comprised of fewer but often symmetrical mullions


Windows show spanning element, such as an stone lintel (shown); see Section 7.0503(1)(B) (2)(D) and 7.0503(1)(B)(3)(D)

Sills project from window and are typically visually distinct from surrounding wall; see Section 7.0503(1)(B)(3)(D)


When spanning elements are not shown, simple decorative features surround windows.

Vertical proportions are typical in windows, though may become more square than the traditional style windows


Chicago windows (a large fixed pane with operable windows on each side) are common in the transitional style


## Transitional Commercial Building

## Building Entry

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Entry is recessed from surrounding areas, creating visual distinction


## Details

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## Medallion Example



Awning and Canopy Examples


Light Fixture Examples


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## Transitional Commercial Building

## Roof Conditions

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## Materials

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## Primary Materials

- Brick
- Stone

Secondary and Accent Materials

- Concrete Block
- Ceramic Tile
- Terra Cotta
- Wood
- Metal (patina finish)

Simplified brick details are frequently used in transitional styles

Cut stone creates a finished character on facades


Contemporary Commercial Building


## Fundamental Style Eements:

- Building is subdivided into structural bays or programmatic elements.
- Facade has articulation in frames and recessed or projecting panels.
- Facade has horizontal articulation with ledgers and continuous elements.
- Facade has tall ground floor with simply articulated storefronts.
- Ornamentation is very simple or absent.
- Building has flat or simple angled roof elements.
- Entries and storefronts have simple framing details for window and door elements.
- Projecting flat awnings are incorporated.
- Windows have large panes of glass and simple framing elements.
- Windows may incorporate shading devices.
- Rooflines emphasize horizontality or special elements.




## Contemporary Commercial Building

Facade Composition and Building Artic ulation

Features shown in this section correspond to the Rockwood Design Standards found in Section 7.0503(1)(B)(2)(D). Italicized elements are not required by the Design Standards but are provided for additional guidance.

Recessed window openings between columns add relief, depth and shadows to the facade

Belt course above the ground floor differentiates the building base from upper stories


## Ground Level Details

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Standards but are provided for additional guidance.

Belt course over the ground floor, broken by columns to establish verticality

Transom windows with large lights

Large storefront windows provide visibility
into space; see Section $7.0503(1)(B)(4)(D)$
Glass double door
Major mullions frame entry

Recessed window with sill establishes depth in the facade
Simple bulkheads between columns made of concrete or stone


## Contemporary Commercial Building

## Windows and Transparency

Features shown in this section correspond to the Rockwood Design Standards found in Section 7.0503(1)(B)(4)(D). Italicized elements are not required by the Design Standards but are provided for additional guidance.

Windows have greater variety in proportion; window groupings should emphasise verticality in the facade


Window mullions often asymmetrical

No visible spanning element; window mav


Windows often comprise the entire facade of contemporary buildings



Window groupings often incorporate asymmetrical patterns


## Contemporary Commercial Building

## Building Entry

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## Details

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Awning and Canopy Examples
Light Fixture Examples



## Contemporary Commercial Building

## Roof Conditions

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## Materials

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## Primary Materials

- Stone
- Glass
- Stucco
- Brick

Secondary and Accent Materials

- Precast or poured in place concrete
- Metals

Simplistic details, primarily reveals, express nature of materials

Stone frequently cut and polished for clean appearance


