ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING

Terry Building; Port Townsend

Cornice
The projecting elements at the top of the exterior wall.

Upper Floor(s)
The non-retail volume above the ground floor.

Storefront
The front exterior wall of a commercial space, typically with large area of glass.

Pilaster
An attached rectangular column.

Bulkhead
The area between the sidewalk and the display windows: can be of wood, tile, or metal, or can be glazed.

Display Window
The main areas of clear glass on a storefront behind which goods are arranged. Usually of polished plate glass.

Transom
Upper windows of a storefront; can be operable or fixed, clear or divided.

Bracket
A support for a projection, typically constructed of wood, press metal or cast stone.

Window Hood
A projecting member above a window that is both structural and decorative; typically made of stone, metal or wood.

Sash
Operable frame filled with glass.

Sill
Horizontal member immediately below the window assembly.

Lintel
Structural member above a storefront that support the upper wall.

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Stoller Building; Camas

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**String Course**
A projecting member that is both structural and decorative; typically made of stone, metal or wood.

**Sash**
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**Coping**
Water resistant covering of the top of a wall.

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**Window Pattern(s)**
Rhythm or grouping of windows (ie A, B, B, pattern)

**Pilaster**
An attached rectangular column.
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Baker – Boyer National Bank Building; Walla Walla

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Modillions
A series of scroll-shaped brackets supporting the corona of a cornice.

String Course
A projecting member that is both structural and decorative; typically made of stone, metal or wood.

Bay(s)
Grouping of windows (example has four bays).

Mullion
A vertical member separating windows, or panels set in a series.

Capitol
Top portion of a column or pilaster crowing the shaft.

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McGregor’s Store; Hooper

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**String Course**
A projecting member above a window that is both structural and decorative; typically made of stone, metal or wood.

**Parapet**
A low, solid, protective wall at the edge of a roof.

**Exterior Finish**
Exterior surfacing material.

**Pilaster**
An attached rectangular column.

**Recessed Entry**
An entrance door which is set back from the main façade of the building.
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Bank of Starbuck; Starbuck

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Bracket
A support for a projection, typically shaped link and inverted "L".

String Course
A projecting member above a window that is both structural and decorative; typically made of stone, metal or wood.

Sash
Operable frame filled with glass.

Sill
Horizontal member immediately below the window assembly.

Pilaster
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Pay n’ Takit Store; Spokane

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**Corner Entry**
Double entry at chamfered corner of building.

**Spandrel Panel**
A section of wall, defined as an ornamental panel, typically between two vertical windows or arches.

**Parapet**
A low, solid, protective wall used to obscure a low-pitched roof.

**Awning**
Fabric or rigid metal projection offering protection from the weather.
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J.C. Penny Store; Puyallup

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Recessed Entry
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Awning
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Type vs. Style

- **TYPE** is the most basic arrangement of the building’s layout, in the floor plan and massing of structural components.
- The building’s **STYLE** is determined by the architectural and ornamental details applied to the basic structure.
Commercial Building Types
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – One-Part Block

Medical Lake

Hooper

Walla Walla

Hamilton
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Commercial — One-Part Block

Thorp

Snohomish

Chelan

Grandview

Norland
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial — Two Part Block

Colfax

Bellingham

Ellensburg

Port Townsend
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Washington State Examples

Commercial — Two Part Block

Shelton

Olympia

Vancouver

Bremerton

Longview
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – One-Part Vertical Block

Yakima

Centralia

Walla Walla

Tacoma
Commercial – One-Part Vertical Block

Kahlotus

Yakima

Wenatchee

Federal Way

Seattle
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Enframed Window Wall

Vancouver
Richland
Centralia
Olympia
Spokane
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING

Commercial — Stacked Vertical Block
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