

A. THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The mission of the Historic Preservation Commission is to “preserve and approve that which is congruous with the special character of the Village of Pinehurst Historic District.” The Standards in this document beginning in Section III provide the HPC and Village of Pinehurst Planning Staff with tools to assess whether a proposed change, addition, or new construction will be congruous with the special character of the Pinehurst Historic District.

In addition, the Standards are intended to inform property owners and to help them understand how changes or additions to their property will contribute to the preservation of the Pinehurst Historic District. A fundamental objective is to ensure that changes and additions to existing structures are congruous with the Pinehurst Historic District. Likewise, new construction must be congruous with the District.

Owners, architects and builders are encouraged to consider and comply with all the Standards. The strongest recommendations contain the words “**must**,” “**must not**,” or “**it is not appropriate**.” For example:

- Any changes or additions to the configuration an existing roof **must** be compatible with the structure and **must** be congruous with the Pinehurst Historic District
- **It is not appropriate** to introduce new windows or door openings if they will compromise the architectural integrity of the structure.

Other Standards contain the word “**should**.” For example:

- Changes or additions to the configuration of any existing roof **should** be compatible with the existing structure.

All Standards contribute to the standard of congruity with the special character of the Pinehurst Historic District by which the HPC evaluates applications for changes, additions, demolitions, relocations, and new construction. In short, a project must meet the overarching requirement that it is congruous with the special character of the Pinehurst Historic District in order to be approved and issued a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The Historic Preservation Commission may at times determine that a proposed change or design which does not meet the Standards is, in fact, congruous with the special character of the Pinehurst Historic District as if the property owner had followed the Standards. Conversely, an application meeting the Standards could be determined to be incongruous with the character of the District. Strict adherence to the Standards in those cases is not required if the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the proposed design or improvements are congruous or incongruous when issuing or denying a Certificate of Appropriateness.

If an applicant for a Certificate of Appropriateness seeks HPC approval of a proposed design or improvement that does not meet the Standards, the HPC requests, but does not require, that the applicant explain in the application why the proposed design or improvement should be approved, that is, why it is congruous with the special character of the Pinehurst Historic District.

B. PRINCIPLES OF PRESERVATION

The Standards are not meant to be a comprehensive preservation manual. There are *additional resources* listed in Appendix G, which may be used to supplement these Standards.

- A major source of materials is The Preservation Briefs published by the National Park Service.
- Owners of historic properties should give special consideration to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Those offer excellent guidance for property owners who are committed to the preservation or restoration of their historic property.
- An application form for work which will require a Certificate of Appropriateness is available from the Village of Pinehurst Planning Department, and may also be downloaded from the Village website; vopnc.org
- Many of the terms found in these Standards have very specific meanings. Applicants have the responsibility to review and understand these definitions and how they may affect their application. Appendix H contains a comprehensive glossary of relevant terms.

Based on the Secretary of the Interior *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, the Pinehurst Historic District Standards are not meant to be a comprehensive preservation manual, but a starting point for making design or restoration decisions. While working on historic structures within the Pinehurst Historic District, applicants must keep the following principles in mind:

Identify, Retain, and Preserve Historic Features and Materials

Character-defining materials and features must be repaired rather than replaced where possible. If a material (i.e.: asbestos siding) is no longer available, it must be replaced with a material that is a close match to the original in texture, shape and color where possible.

Maintain, Stabilize and Protect Historic Materials and Features

Attempts must be made to stabilize and repair deteriorated features and materials before replacement. Proper maintenance and weatherization will serve to protect a structure or building within the district. There are several technical bulletins on the National Park Service, Technical Preservation Services website that can help assist in maintaining a historic resource.

Replace Deteriorated Component That Are Beyond Repair With "In Kind" or Compatible Materials

Replacement of the historic fabric of a building must use the same material as the original construction where possible. That includes the type of materials, the design, dimensions, mass, scale, orientation, color detailing and texture.

Substitute materials can be used if the original material is no longer available. Substitute materials must match the historic materials as closely as possible, physically and visually. This does not apply to hidden structural components.

Use of replacement materials must be limited in scope to only the elements that are deteriorated beyond repair. Missing historic features can be replaced if documented by historic photographs or physical evidence shows that the feature was once there.

A. ROOFS

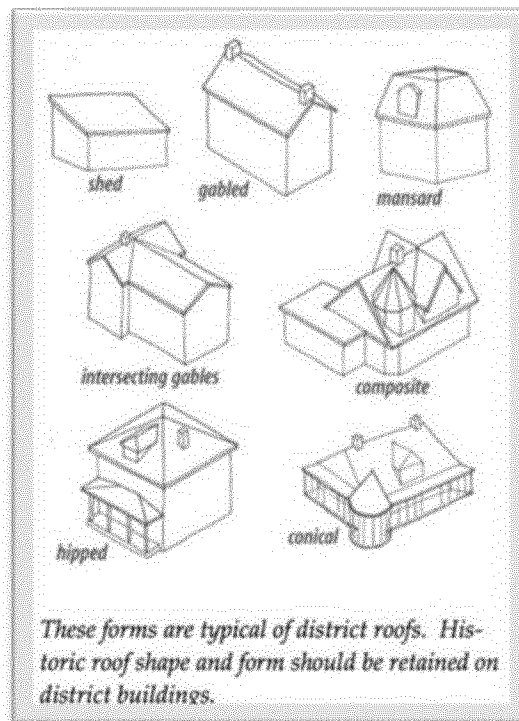
1. Any changes or additions to the configuration of an existing roof must be compatible with the architectural style of the existing structure wherever possible, and **must** be congruous with the Pinehurst Historic District.
2. Roofs and roof forms that contribute to the overall character of a structure, including their functional and decorative features, such as roofing materials, cresting, dormers, chimneys, cupolas, and cornices must be retained and preserved wherever possible.

3. If a roof feature, such as a dormer, is completely missing and is to be replaced, it should be replaced with a new feature based on the original feature or a new design compatible in scale, size, material and color with the structure, roofline and the Pinehurst Historic District.

4. If repair or replacement of an entire roof is necessary, the new material should match the existing material in composition, dimension, size, shape, color, pattern and texture.

5. Metal roofs used to replace existing non-metal roofs, are allowed but **must** be compatible with the existing structure. If painted, such roofing must be one of the following colors:

- a. dark brown, dark bronze, dark gray, dark green, dark silver or black.
- b. Unpainted naturally weathering metals such as copper, tern, and zinc, are also allowed. Exposed galvanized metal is not appropriate.



6. Vents, including soffit vents and low profile ridge vents must be installed in a manner that does not diminish the original design of the roof or destroy the character of roof details.
7. New gutters and downspouts must be installed so that character-defining architectural features of the structure are not damaged or lost.
8. Replacement gutters and downspouts should match the existing colors. New downspouts should match the color of the gutter or the color of the wall to which the downspout is attached.
9. Roof ventilators, attic fans, solar panels, and the like, must be located as inconspicuously as possible.
10. Skylights should be placed as inconspicuously as possible on the rear roof surface, and should have a flat profile. Glazed roofs such as greenhouses and conservatories are acceptable