



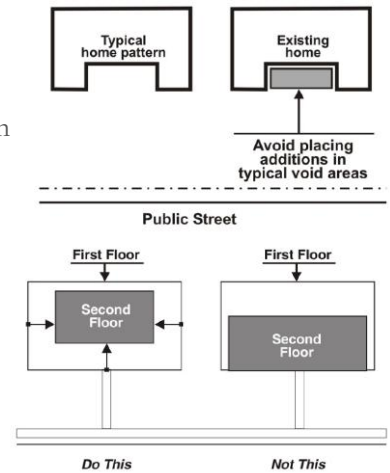
DESIGN GUIDELINES – ADDITIONS*

Home sizes in the San Francisco Bay Area have increased in recent years due to many factors, including extended families living in one house, home occupation or live/work situations, recent trends of larger kitchen spaces, and increased emphasis on home media viewing and other family activities to name just a few.

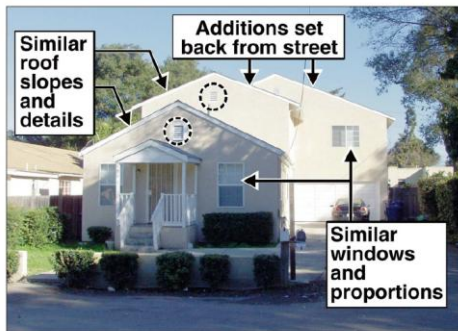
The goal of these design guidelines is to meet the reasonable needs of the home owner without negatively impacting the neighbors or the overall livability and small scale quality of East Palo Alto's neighborhoods.

1. Locations – Additions should be located where they will have the least impact on neighbors or the neighborhood

- Place additions at ground level, whenever possible, in neighborhoods with predominantly one-story houses.
- Where nearby homes have a distinctive pattern of varied front elevation setbacks (e.g., recessed entries), avoid filling in the spaces between projecting elements to create a flat or projecting front facade.
- Construct additions as far away from public streets and adjacent properties as possible (e.g., to the rear and the center of the existing house.)



2. Building Forms - Retain distinctive building elements & match the addition to the design of the main house



Relate roofs, windows and other design elements to the existing structure

- If the existing home has a porch at the entry, that feature should be retained.
- If the home has no entry porch, but other homes in the area do, the addition of an entry porch is encouraged.
- Use roof forms, pitches, overhangs, and materials that are the same as the original structure.
- Match window types, shapes, and proportions to those of the original structure.
- The design of additions should be integrated into the design of the house so that it appears that the addition was constructed at the same time as the house.

3. Materials - New additions should appear as an integral part of the house; attention to materials and details will be critical to achieving design unity

- Utilize the same siding and roof materials as used on the original structure.
- Avoid obvious changes between the original structure and the new addition. For example, it may not be possible to extend an existing roof without a strong contrast between the appearance of the new and old roofing. In those cases, it may be necessary to replace the old surfacing material and replace it with the new.
- Decks, carports, and other accessory structures should use the same materials as the existing structure. New accessory structures should appear as though designed and constructed with the original house.

*This is not a comprehensive guideline, please refer to the East Palo Alto Residential Design Guidelines for the full document.