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.
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING

Stoller Building; Camas

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

**Sill**
Horizontal member immediately below the window assembly.

**Sash**
Operable frame filled with glass.

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

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

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

**Pilaster**
An attached rectangular column.

**Window Pattern(s)**
Rhythm or grouping of windows (ie A, B, B, pattern)
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING

Baker – Boyer National Bank Building; Walla Walla

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- **Display Window**
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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).

- **Pilaster(s)**
  An attached rectangular column.

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

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

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

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

- **Cornice**
  The projecting elements at the top of the exterior wall.
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
McGregor’s Store; Hooper

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

**Exterior Finish**
Exterior surfacing material.

**Pilaster**
An attached rectangular column.
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Bank of Starbuck; Starbuck

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

**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 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**
An attached rectangular column.
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Pay n’ Takit Store; Spokane

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

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

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

Corner Entry
Double entry at chamfered corner of building.

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.

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

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

Awning
Fabric or rigid metal projection offering protection from the weather.
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
J.C. Penny Store; Puyallup

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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.

Recessed Entry
An attached rectangular column.

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

Awning
Structural member above a storefront that support the upper wall.
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
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – One-Part Block

Seattle

Anacortes

Olympia

Bellingham

Connell

Shelton
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – One-Part Block

Thorpe

Grandview

Snohomish

Chelan

Norland
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial — Two Part Block

Colfax

Bellingham

Ellensburg

Port Townsend
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial — Two Part Block

- Olympia
- Shelton
- Bremerton
- Longview
- Vancouver
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

Federal Way

Wenatchee

Yakima

Seattle
Commercial – Enframed Window Wall

Vancouver

Richland

Centralia

Olympia

Spokane
Commercial — Stacked Vertical Block

Port Townsend

Seattle

Walla Walla

Seattle

Port Townsend
Commercial — Two Part Vertical Block

Spokane

Seattle

Seattle

Spokane
Commercial – Two Part Vertical Block

Everett

Seattle

Seattle

Olympia
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Vault

Seattle

Toppenish

Centralia

Starbuck

Walla Walla
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Vault

Pullman

Pomeroy

Walla Walla

Snohomish

Waitsburg
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial — Three Part Vertical Block

Seattle

Seattle

Seattle

Port Angeles
Commercial — Three Part Vertical Block

Walla Walla

Seattle

Spokane

Vancouver
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial — Temple Front

Snohomish

Elma

Seattle

Ephrata

Vancouver

Colville
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Enframed Block

Hoquiam

Everett

Spokane

Longview

Olympia
Commercial – Central Block with Wings

Olympia

Wilbur

Seattle

Shelton
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Central Block with Wings

Seattle  
Yakima  
Renton
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Arcaded Block

Seattle

Olympia

Longview

Hood Canal

Clayton
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Arcaded Block

Wenatchee

Longview

Parkland

Colville

Aberdeen
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial — Flatiron

Seattle
Tacoma
Chehalis

Seattle
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial — Strip Commercial

Lakewood

Vancouver

Lakewood

Shelton
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Mall

Spokane

Richland

Tacoma

Vancouver
Building Details
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Details
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Storefronts
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Cornice
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Signage
Commercial – Doors
Commercial – Awnings
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Washington State Examples

Commercial – Exterior Material

Carrera Glass

Concrete Block

Poured Concrete

Brick

Pressed Tin

Enameled Metal
Commercial – Context

Camas

Colville

Tacoma

Yakima

Seattle
ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING
Seattle First National Bank - Statewide

Seattle
Moses Lake
Toppenish
Bremerton
Vancouver
Olympia