

Current Design Guidelines

What do Design Guidelines look like now?

The most comprehensive set of Design Guidelines adopted by the city are those used for projects in the Downtown. Here are the titles for the Downtown Design Guidelines, each guideline has a page or more of descriptive language and images of examples:

A Site Planning and Massing - Responding to the Larger Context

- A-1 Respond to the Physical Environment
- A-2 Enhance the Skyline

B Architectural Expression - Relating to the Neighborhood Context

- B-1 Respond to the Neighborhood Context
- B-2 Create Transitions in Bulk and Scale
- B-3 Reinforce the Urban Form and Architectural Attributes of the Immediate Area
- B-4 Design a Well-proportioned and Unified Building
- B-5 Explore Opportunities for Building 'Green'

C Pedestrian Environment - Define the Pedestrian Environment

- C-1 Promote Pedestrian Interaction
- C-2 Design Facades at Many Scales
- C-3 Provide Active Facades
- C-4 Reinforce Building Entries
- C-5 Consider Providing Overhead Weather Protection
- C-6 Develop Alley Facades
- C-7 Install Pedestrian-Friendly Materials at Street Level

D Public Amenities - Enhancing the Streetscape and Open Space

- D-1 Provide Inviting and Usable Open Space
- D-2 Enhance the Building with Landscaping
- D-3 Respect Historic Features that Define Spokane
- D-4 Provide Elements that Define the Place
- D-5 Provide Appropriate Signage
- D-6 Provide Attractive and Appropriate Lighting
- D-7 Design for Personal Safety and Security
- D-8 Create 'Green Streets'

E Vehicular Access and Parking - Minimize Adverse Impacts

- E-1 Minimize Curb Cut Impacts
- E-2 Integrate Parking Facilities
- E-3 Minimize the Presence of Service Areas
- E-4 Design 'Green' Parking

Each of these guidelines and their groupings have unique relationships to the other guidelines. These connections are best depicted like this:



- A Site Planning and Massing
- B Architectural Expression
- C Pedestrian Environment
- D Public Amenities
- E Vehicular Access & Parking

