

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 17, 2025

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Architectural Review

FROM: Brendan Harris, Urban Planner III, Historic Preservation

SUBJECT: Summary of proposed updates to the Doors + Garage Doors and Dormers *Design Guidelines* chapters of the Old and Historic District and Parker-Gray District

The Design Guidelines Committee has been working on an updated version of the Doors + Garage Doors and Dormers chapters.

Currently, there are different guidelines for doors in the Parker-Gray District than in the Old and Historic District. For example, doors are not reviewed on Later buildings in Parker-Gray. The committee has proposed updating these guidelines to be the same as in the Old and Historic District, recognizing doors to be important character-defining features of a building. This means that all doors visible from the public right-of-way would require BAR review in both districts.

There are no policy changes proposed for the dormers chapter in either district.