



# City of Pleasant Ridge Siding Design Requirements

The entire City of Pleasant Ridge is designated as a federal historic district. The City does not have a design review board, but it does have an Exterior Design Standards document which new construction and renovations in the City must meet. The design standards are online at: <https://cityofpleasantry.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Exterior-Design-Standards.pdf>

There are a few requirements that apply to the replacement of siding materials, which are summarized below:

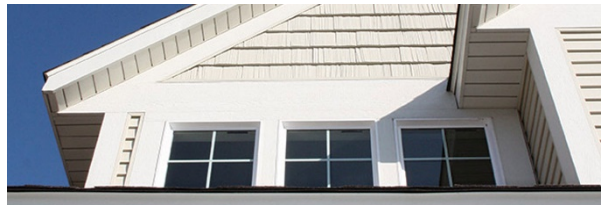
## Material

- *Vinyl siding* may be used when it is replacing existing vinyl or aluminum siding. In other cases, materials that more similarly replicate natural wood must be used. (Section 3.2.3)
- When *fiber cement products* are used, smooth boards without a raised grain shall be used. Historically, natural wood siding was smooth without raised grain.

## Trim

- *Corner trim boards* or pieces with a width of at least 3 inches must be used. J-channels are not allowed. (Section 3.2.3)
- *Casings* at least 3.5 inches wide must be provided around doors and windows. (Section 3.4.5)
- *Frieze/rake boards or moldings* must be provided underneath eaves and along gable ends. J-channels may not be used in these locations. Frieze boards should generally be between 3 and 10 inches wide.

The image at right shows appropriate corner trim boards, window casing, and use of frieze/rake boards with a vinyl product. The same trim requirements apply to fiber cement or other similar non-vinyl siding products.



## Eave Returns

- Eaves should be trimmed such that the fascia returns around the corner and dies into the wall without the excess triangle attached to the raking cornice (i.e. no pork chop eaves). Vernacular eaves without a return must not be detailed with a flat soffit creating a pork chop eave - see the image at right - don't do this! If you have an existing pork chop eave, see the eave details document linked below for an acceptable alternate detail.



More detailed dos and don'ts for eave returns is available in Section 3.5 of the Pleasant Ridge Design Standards, and in the Eave Details available online at: <https://cityofpleasantry.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Eave-Details.pdf>