



# **CITY OF EL MONTE**

Economic Development Department  
Planning Division

*This is only a summary of key design guidelines. Please see the Planning Division and/or the El Monte Zoning Code for the full text and additional requirements.*

## **DESIGN GUIDELINES**

### **ARCHITECTURAL STYLE – VICTORIAN**

In the late 1800s and the early 1900s, the industrial revolution transformed the construction industry. Many building parts were manufactured in mass starting with the Victorian age. Certain items such as large porches with round porch columns and windows became available to everyone and were often used on Victorian houses. El Monte has a few Victorian houses located within the older portions of the city.

#### **Defining Architectural Characteristics**



Asymmetrical Facade



Prominent Porch



Multiple Front Gables



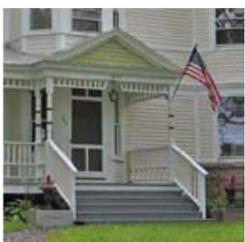
Steep Pitched Roof



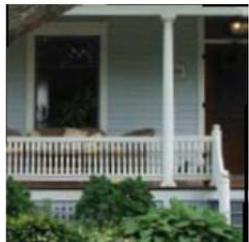
Towers



Bay Windows



Pediments

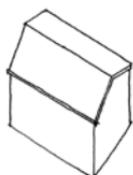


Open Balustrade

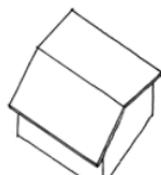


Turned Columns

#### **Preferred Roof Types**



Side Gabled Roof



Front Gabled Roof



Hipped Roof

#### **Preferred Roof Materials**



Slate Shingles



Asphalt Shingles



Wood Shingles or Shakes

## Preferred Building Materials and Colors

El Montes Victorian style houses are very simple structures made of wood and usually sided with a clapboard or shingle siding. The exterior façade of most Victorian houses is either painted entirely white or a combination of two or three casting colors. White is the most often customary paint color for wood trim. Shutters are painted in darker colors. Stone and brick are common materials around the foundation.



Wood Clapboard



Wood Shingles or Shakes



Scalloped Shingles



Brick



Stone



Wood Trim

## Preferred Window or Entry Types

Windows are often tall and rectangular in shape with a double hung framework. They are sometimes flanked by wood shutters or topped by a pediment. Bay windows, paired windows, triple clustered windows, and stained glass windows are also prevalent. The raised front porch is a major element of a Victorian house and can serve as an outdoor living area. Porches often feature turned post, balustrades, and pediments. The paneled type of door is recessed within the porch.



Double Hung Windows



Grouped Windows



Bay Windows



Paneled Doors



Paired Doors



Recessed Entry