

Chapter 9 **ACCESSORY STRUCTURES** **(GARAGES, CARPORTS,** **ANCILLARY STRUCTURES)**

Garage or other accessory structures built in conjunction with a historic apartment building, where they retain all or much of their integrity, are likely to be a character-defining feature of the site design, as well as part of the historic narrative of the principal building, the context and the evolution of the neighborhood. Occasionally, they may date from the previous use or development of the site, and are a rare survival of the historic sequence of the site and this context in the city. A garage may also be a later addition to the site, and yet complement the character of the site and context. The contribution will depend upon a number of factors, including the historical development sequence, historic architectural integrity and degree of alteration, and compatibility with the architectural character of the principal building.

Where accessed from an adjacent street on a corner site, they are also going to be appreciated directly from the street. Their form and scale will often make a notable visual contribution to the character of the building, the site and/or the historic context.

A characteristic challenge is likely to be adaptation of an early garage structure to current vehicular and storage requirements, while retaining essential character-defining layout and elements of its original construction.

9.1 Consider retaining an early garage or other accessory structure identified as a character-defining feature of the site.

9.2 A proposal to replace a garage or accessory structure should consider the placement of the original in the new design and layout.

Chapter 10 **SEISMIC RETROFITTING**

Specific advices on building reinforcement best practices are available to inform considerations of seismic retrofitting for multifamily buildings of a particular construction.

See also: [A Residential Handbook for Historic Residential Properties & Districts in Salt Lake City, Ch.10 Seismic Retrofitting](#)

See also: [A Residential Handbook for Historic Residential Properties & Districts in Salt Lake City, Ch.9 Accessory Structures](#)

