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## The Purpose of this Design Guide

In order to recognize and appreciate the character of the Houston Heights historic districts and to establish a basis for what the historic preservation ordinance terms as “appropriate” and “compatible” with that character, the following design guide has been prepared by the City of Houston. Those who may benefit from referring to this design Guide include:

- (i) architects, designers, builders, developers and property owners who may wish to **remodel or build appropriate additions** which are subordinate to an existing “contributing” or “potentially contributing” historic residential property or,
- (ii) those who may wish to utilize “non-contributing” properties for **construction of new buildings that are compatible** with adjacent historic properties and compliment but not diminish the character of the specific block and the neighborhood in general.



# Typical Design Characteristics of Residential Structures in the Heights

An understanding of the visual and functional impact of the typical scales of blockfaces and individual residences is critical in defining:

## (i) appropriate additions to historic houses



## (ii) compatible new residential construction



