ANATOMY OF A MAIN STREET BUILDING

FINIAL
A decorative terminal form at the top of a feature.

CORNICE
The projecting member at the top of the exterior wall.

UPPER FLOOR
The usually non-retail volume above the retail ground floor; multistory Main Street buildings are typically between 2 and 4 floors.

STOREFRONT
The front exterior wall of commercial space, typically with large areas of glass.

BULKHEAD
The area between the sidewalk and the display windows; can be of wood, tile, or metal, or can be glazed.

COLUMN
A vertical structural member.

DISPLAY WINDOW
The main areas of clear glass on a storefront behind which goods are arranged. Usually of polished plate glass.

TRANSOM
Upper windows in a storefront; can be operable or fixed, clear or patterned.

SASH
Operable frame filled with glass.

SILL
Horizontal member immediately below the window assembly.

LINTEL
Structural member above a storefront that supports the parapet or upper wall.

ROSETTE
A typically circular motif that secures two cast iron lintels together.