

# A. Guidelines: Entryways and Porches

**Objective:** Clearly identify the front entry to the residence and create a “people” scale at the front of the lot.



*A typical entry has a front door that is sheltered by a porch, which is preferred.*

**Objective A.1.** Aligning the entrance to be parallel with the front property line is generally preferred. Where street layouts are curvilinear and parcels are irregularly shaped, however, this orientation may not be as important.



*These homes have primary entries that are clearly visible from the street. This helps to establish a sense of scale and also helps to convey a sense of welcome and connection with the neighborhood.*

## **Related Regulation:**

To encourage front porches, the zoning regulations permit an open porch to extend a maximum of 4-feet into the 20-foot front yard setback. Such porches must remain open and cannot later be enclosed.

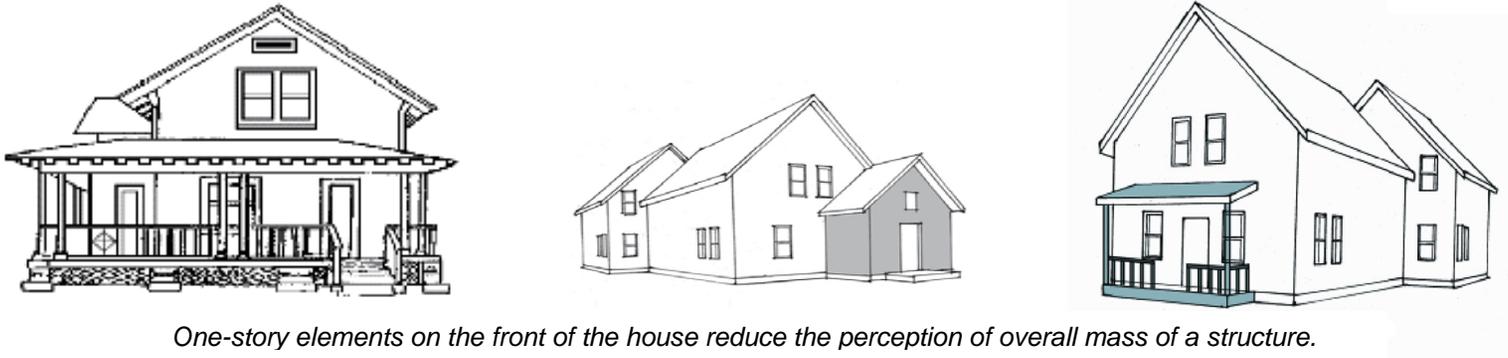
A key traditional design feature of Atlantic Beach is the use of a one-story, open air porches. These help to define the front door, establish a low scale and provide visual interest. This tradition should continue.



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**Objective A.2.** Where an entry will not face the street directly, it should be clearly defined with a walkway and other design elements that help to identify its location. For example, in traditional residential neighborhoods, where a door is positioned perpendicular to the street, it should still be visible and is typically defined by a porch or roof feature that “announces” the entrance to the home.



*Street trees cool front porches and walking areas, and entryways and porches that face the street or sidewalk encourage interaction between neighbors.*