

Alleys

A narrow street or lane that provides access to the rear of buildings by going thru the middle of a block or between two rows of buildings.

Architectural variety and interest

Clear vehicular circulation

Landscaping and attractive fencing



Design Principles

- Provide space for parking, utilities, and trash collection in the alley.
- Allow for architectural variety and detailing on house and garage walls facing the alley.
- Create clear and orderly circulation to access points and driveways.
- Use planting and architectural fencing to create privacy and soften appearances of the alley.

WHY ARE THESE PRINCIPLES IMPORTANT?

- Recent practices in development are suggesting that the alley is an important element of traditional neighborhood design, as a means of developing neighborhoods that are not dominated by garages.
- If not designed properly, alleys can be stark and uninviting.
- To provide for a narrower street section, many of the service functions can be moved to the alley.