

VIII SKYLIGHTS

Skylight installations should be handled with care and attention to their effect on the appearance of the roof, the roof structure and the compatibility of materials. They should relate primarily to the historic appropriateness of their use and only secondarily to the contemporary needs of the present occupants.

A. Building Types

1. Skylights may be appropriate on original warehouses and commercial structures.
2. Skylights are occasionally appropriate on townhouse structures, Creole cottages , Victorian shotguns, and slave quarter structures where dormers do not exist and when the installation meets the criteria below.

B. Size and Location

1. Plans for skylight installation shall meet the following criteria:
 - a. Skylights should not be visible from the street and shall be located for the least visibility from any location. Skylights on street facades are prohibited.
 - b. There shall be a minimum number of skylights on a roof, with minimum alteration to original roof structure.
 - c. Skylights shall occupy not more than three (3) percent of the roof plane on which they are located.
 - d. Long axes of skylights shall be parallel to the rafters.
 - e. Skylights shall not be placed on roof slopes with dormers.

C. Design

Skylights shall be flat with clear or tinted glazing to give a dark appearance from the exterior. The exposed frame shall be painted or anodized a color to match the roofing material color. Skylights may be operable or fixed.