

3.2.13. Lighting

Maintenance

- (a) Preserve and maintain historic light fixtures (SOI Standards 2, 5, 6).

High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Required	Required if visible from the ROW	Recommended

- (b) Treat and clean historic light fixtures according to accepted preservation standards (*Appendix G*, SOI Standards 6, 7).

High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Required	Required if visible from the ROW	Recommended

Alterations

- (c) New light fixtures may be added in some instances, provided that they generally suit the style and time period of the building, are reversible, and do not damage or obscure historic character-defining features (SOI Standard 9).

High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Inappropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate

Fredericksburg's Dark Sky Ordinance

In 2019, the City of Fredericksburg adopted an Outdoor Lighting Ordinance to promote dark skies. All new outdoor lighting must comply with the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance in addition to these standards and guidelines. For additional detail, see <https://www.fbgtx.org/DocumentCenter/View/2869/Ordinance-2019-16--Outdoor-Lighting>.

- (d) Mount fixtures from the porch roof whenever possible; if it is necessary to mount fixtures to the exterior wall, attach new lighting in a manner that does not damage historic wall materials, using galvanized stainless-steel anchors; if the wall is masonry, attach the anchor into the mortar joint rather than through the brick or stone masonry unit (SOI Standard 9).

High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Recommended	Recommended	Recommended

- (e) New ceiling fans may be on porches in some instances, provided that they generally suit the style and time period of the building,

have a low profile, are painted to match the surrounding fabric, are reversible, and do not damage or obscure historic character-defining features (SOI Standard 9).

High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Inappropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate

Restoration

- (f) If the extant light fixtures are non-historic, consider researching the historic light fixture appearance and, if documented, replicate and restore the light fixture (SOI Standard 3).

High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Recommended	Recommended	Recommended

- (g) If the extant windows are non-historic, and if the owner opts to replace the light fixture, select replacement fixtures compatible with the historic character of the building, looking at other examples of the same style and era in the Fredericksburg Historic District or from historic catalogs (SOI Standard 3).

High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Required if visible from public ROW	Required if visible from the public ROW	Recommended



Figure 3-44. Example of period-appropriate porch bracket fixtures for late-nineteenth or early-twentieth century buildings. Source: Pinterest, accessed January 10, 2021, <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/290834088430267824/>.



Figure 3-45. Example of period-appropriate porch bracket fixtures Prairie Style or Craftsman resources, dating from ca. 1910 through ca. 1940. Especially note the ceiling-mounted options. Source: Pinterest, accessed January 25, 2021, <https://www.pinterest.de/pin/93660867237805123/>.

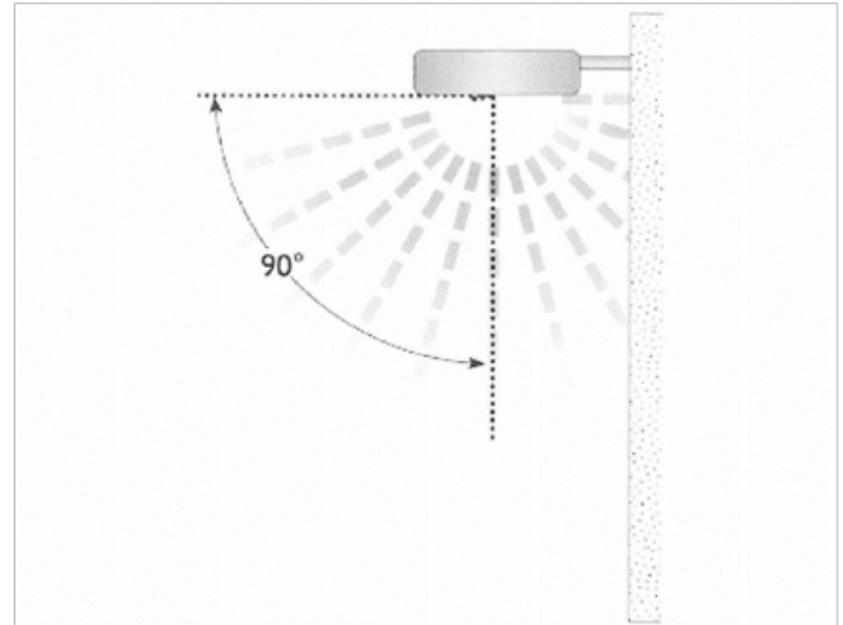


Figure 3-46. Profile of a lighting fixture meeting Fredericksburg’s Outdoor Lighting Ordinance. Note how the light does not shine upward, allowing the sky to remain dark. Source: “Ordinance No. 2019-16,” City of Fredericksburg, <https://www.fbgtx.org/DocumentCenter/View/2869/Ordinance-2019-16--Outdoor-Lighting>.

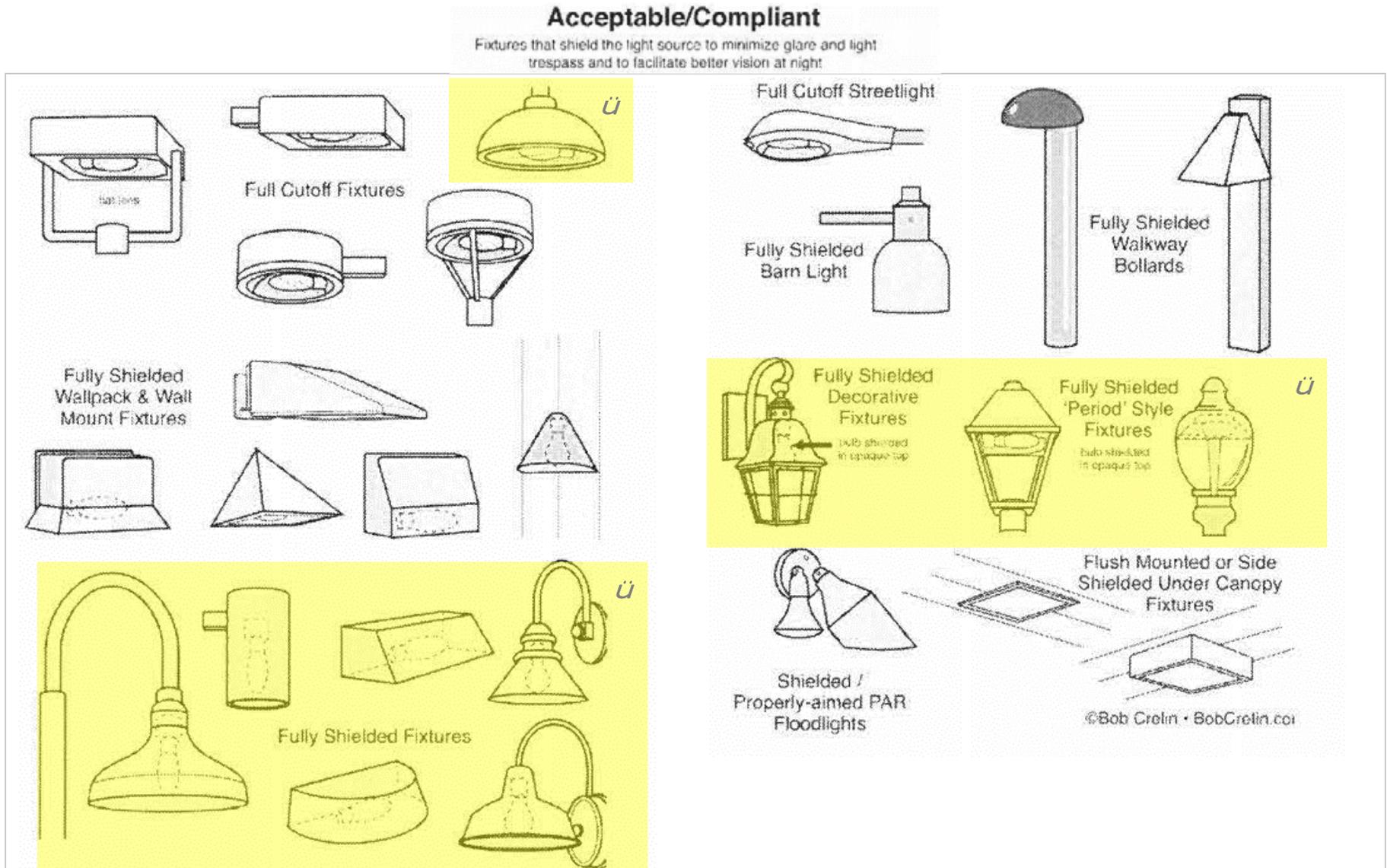


Figure 3-47. Examples of “Acceptable/Compliant” lighting fixtures per Fredericksburg’s Outdoor Lighting Ordinance, with appropriate fixtures for historic buildings highlighted in yellow. Refer to *Section 2* to match the examples with the relevant style(s) and period(s) of construction. Source: “Ordinance No. 2019-16,” City of Fredericksburg, <https://www.fbgtx.org/DocumentCenter/View/2869/Ordinance-2019-16--Outdoor-Lighting>.