

SEC.10: Glossary

- **Composition** - The placement and arrangement of visual elements on a building.
- **Cornice** - An ornamental molding on a building above the storefront, typically adjacent to the signboard area and made of either wood or metal.
- **Datum Line** - a horizontal or vertical line overlaid on the facade of a building to help identify and organize the form and composition.
- **Fenestration** - The arrangement of windows and doors on the elevations of a building
- **Frame and sash profile** - The thickness of a window and its framing in relationship to the trim elements on a building.
- **Infill** - New construction that fills an existing hole in the urban fabric.
- **Lintel** - A horizontal support of timber, stone, concrete, or steel across the top of a door or window.
- **Massing** - The general shape and form of a building, or elements of a building.
- **Proportion** - The size relationship between elements within a building.
- **Scale** - The size relationship between a building or its parts and the human body
- **Sill** - A shelf or slab of stone, wood, or metal at the foot of a window or doorway.
- **Stile-and-rail** - A door typically used for residential applications that consists of horizontal (rail) and vertical (stile) framing members surrounding either wood or glass panels.
- **Transom Windows** - A window set above the top of a door or storefront.
- **Valence** - the fringe that hangs from the front of an awning, sometimes used as signage.