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**17.99.020 Overview.**

The design standards of this chapter shall be reviewed, applied and processed under the provisions of Chapter 17.98 GHMC. The definitions applicable to this chapter are in the glossary at the end of this chapter, GHMC 17.99.590, and additional definitions appear in Chapter 17.04 GHMC.

The design standards of this chapter are intended to:

- A. Encourage building design and site planning to:**
- Compliment the existing character of specific neighborhoods or geographic areas of the city in which the proposed building or site improvements are located.
  - Relate visually and physically to surrounding development.
  - Promote pedestrian usage.
- B. Provide options that allow for diversity and creativity in project design.**
- C. Facilitate a dialogue between project proponents and the city's design review board in a public meeting setting.**
- D. Increase public awareness of design issues and design options.**
- E. Provide an objective basis for decisions which affect both individual projects and the city of Gig Harbor as a whole.**
- F. Ensure that the intent of the goals and objectives contained within the city of Gig Harbor's comprehensive plan are met.**

*The comprehensive plan dictates that design consideration go beyond the appearance of individual buildings and address the civic fabric of the city.*

*The standards contained in this manual are intended to identify and respect important visual patterns in Gig Harbor's built environment and relate those to the natural backdrop of trees, hills and water.*











