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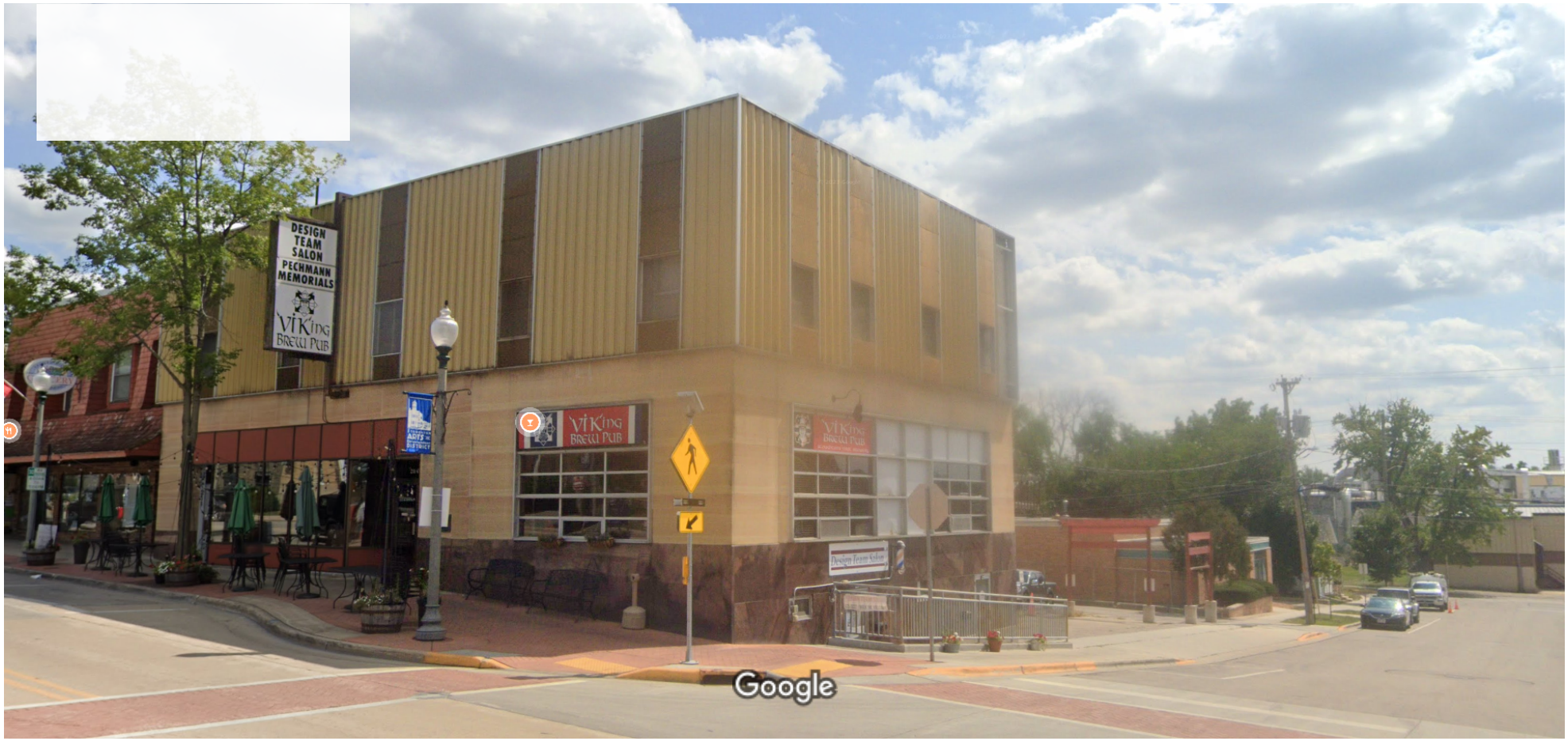

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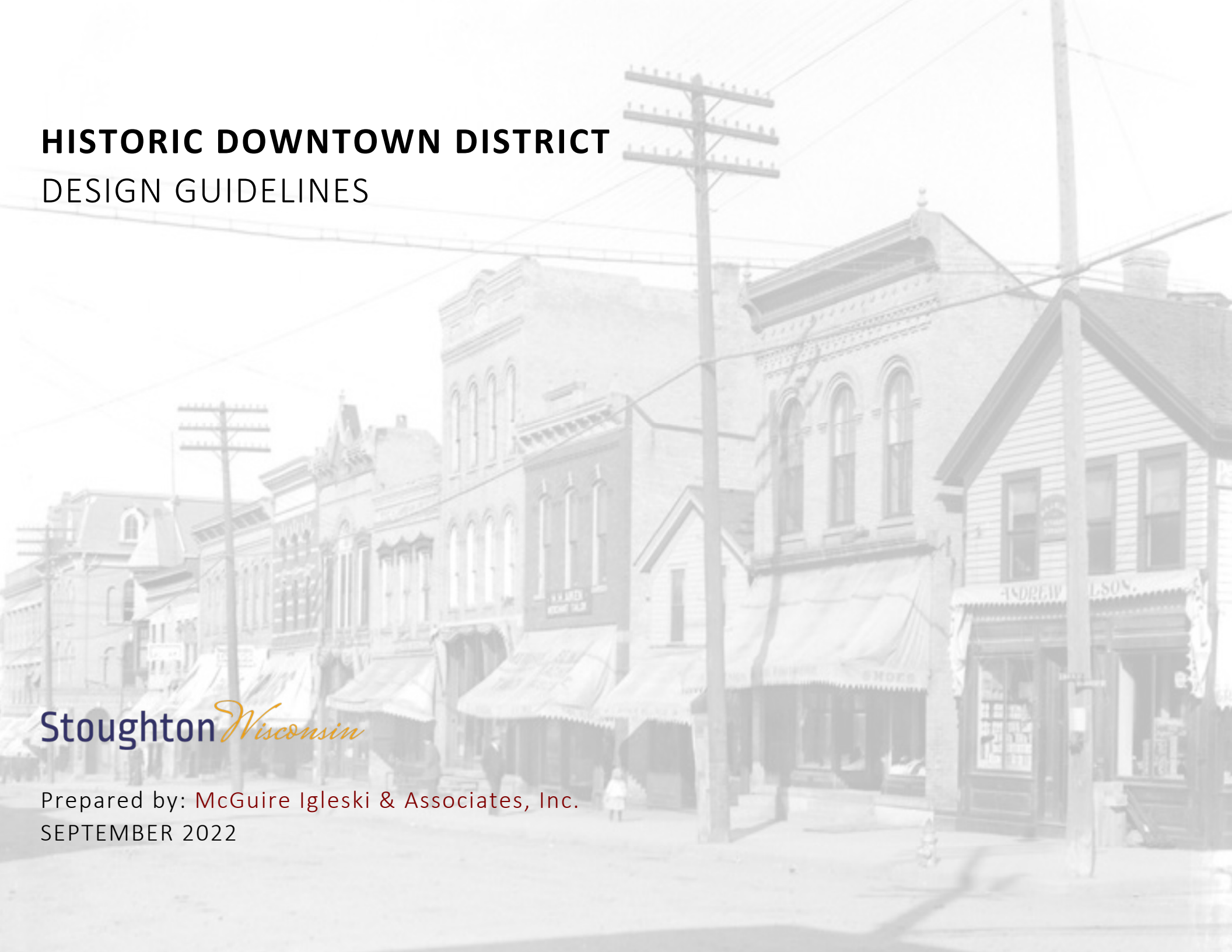
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT
DESIGN GUIDELINES



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CHANGES OVER TIME

Today, the Stoughton Historic Downtown District remains intact and appears much as it did when fully developed at the end of the period of significance (c. 1860-1947). The majority of the properties are intact and have sustained little if any exterior modifications. Most alterations visible from the public right of way, are window and door replacement, installation of contemporary storefronts, window infill, and less frequently, new brick veneer cladding or synthetic siding at the front façade. Of the seventy-two buildings in the district, thirteen buildings were identified as non-contributing, nine of which were constructed during the period of significance (1860-1947), but lack architectural integrity, and five were constructed outside of the period of significance. There are also four non-contributing sites, three parking lots and one vacant site following the demolition of a historic building at 315 E. Main Street.

Two buildings have been identified as potentially contributing including the former Stoughton State Bank and Post Office building located at 209-211 E. Main Street and 113 E. Main Street. Historically, 209 and 211 E. Main Street were two separate buildings when they were constructed in 1878 and c.1905, respectively. Following the end of the period of significance (c. 1860-1947), the two buildings were consolidated into one storefront and a metal slipcover was installed to unify and modernize the second floor façades of each building. Based on field observation, the original second floor of at least the Stoughton State Bank building remains intact. Likewise, a slipcover was added to the front façade of the building at 113 E. Main Street, though it is unknown if the original façade remains intact. Both buildings may become contributing to the historic district if the slipcovers are removed and the historic façades are restored.

4.5 REHABILITATION GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS:

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When rehabilitating or restoring a contributing building or a non-contributing building over fifty years of age, within the district, it is encouraged to remove inappropriate alterations that have been made in the past. Changes that have taken place in the course of time are evidence of the history and development of a building, structure, or site and its environment. These changes may have acquired significance in their own right, and this significance shall be recognized and respected, and will require an evaluation prior to removal.

If a later alteration is evaluated and found to be historically or architecturally insignificant the restoration or reproduction of a missing architectural feature is encouraged. The repair or replacement of missing architectural features must be based on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historic, physical, or pictorial evidence than on conjectural designs or availability of architectural elements on other buildings or structures.

All buildings, structures, and sites shall be recognized as products of their own time. Avoid alterations that have no historical basis and which seek to create an earlier appearance.

Figure 146: Example of a historic mid-twentieth century storefront at the Hausmann Brewing Company Saloon building, 105-111 E. Main Street, in the district.

Figure 147: Example of a historic mid-twentieth century Colonial Revival style storefront at 384 E. Main Street in the district.

Figure 148: Photograph of the former Stoughton State Bank (right) and Post Office with storefronts (left) at 209-211 E. Main Street, October 29, 1929. Courtesy of the Stoughton Historical Society.

Figure 149: Current photograph of 209-211 E. Main Street, currently the Viking Brew Pub, 2021.

Figure 150: Rendering of the restored second story façade of 209-211 E. Main Street if the existing slipcover was to be removed.