

Alternative 2 – Addition – Preferred alternate

Alternative 2 is the preferred alternate for the rehabilitation of the Guard House and conversion into a bakery as it does the best job of meeting the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* and *Guidelines for New Additions*. In this scheme, a retail space is located in the front of the building (#1), a seating area is housed in the historic jail cell space (#2), and the bakery is in the addition (#3). Storage and support spaces are located in the basement.

The Guidelines for New Additions recommends “locating the attached exterior addition at the rear or on an inconspicuous side of a historic building; and limiting its size and scale to the historic building.” The Alternative 2 new addition is located on the east and least visible side of the historic building so that the new construction will not be visible from the Fort Baker Parade Ground and will not impact primary views within the historic district (#3). The wall planes of the new addition are set back from the plane of the historic building so its form can be clearly distinguished from the historic building. The roof ridge is lower than the historic building, making the addition a secondary or subordinate form.

The Guidelines request “constructing a new addition so that there is the least possible loss of historic materials and so that character-defining features are not obscured, damaged or destroyed.” In Alternative 2, a seating area is located within the historic jail cells, thus preserving one of the building’s most important character-defining features (#2). By locating the addition on the subordinate (east) façade, it does not impact the character defining features of the highly significant front porch, on the primary (south and west) elevations. Both the jail cell and the front porch undergo very minor modifications and clearly convey their original character and form. The bakery functions are located outside of the historic spaces and in the non-contributing basement allowing the building interior features to remain.

The Guidelines recommend “designing new additions in a manner that makes clear what is historic and what is new.” The detailing of the new addition will vary from the historic Guard House. This will include consideration of window sizes and configurations, siding materials, and window and door casings. Further, a transition zone is designed in the new addition wall where it intersects the historic building. There will be a change in the wall plane at the transition zone that will be glazed or of a differing siding material to clearly distinguish between the historic and new construction. The Guidelines also recommend “considering the attached exterior addition both in terms of the new use and the appearance of other buildings in the historic district or neighborhood. Design for the new work may be contemporary or may reference design motifs from the historic building.” The new addition is scaled and detailed in a manner that is compatible with the Fort Baker Historic District.