

The Kensington Apartments

Owner:
Norfolk Housing Agency

Architect:
Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture



Built in 1926, The Kensington is on the National Historic Registry. The building houses several businesses as well as 52 apartment units, in various sizes, including one and two bedroom apartments and sleeping rooms in a secured access building in the heart of downtown Norfolk. The beautiful winding staircase with marble steps from the basement to second floor sets off this grand old building.

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Installed by Chicago Lumber Commercial Services, this project consisted of 166 Traco Single Hung units with a profiled exterior panning to replicate the existing historical casing. This allowed keeping the face of the casing and sash on correct planes, as well as eliminate unsightly caulk joints and overlapping associated with rolled form aluminum trim. A custom color was used to compliment the building's exterior. A second color was used on the interior to match the woodwork. The durability of an all-aluminum window was important in selecting this window over fiberglass and wood. The result was an energy efficient, low maintenance replacement window project, without resembling the typical window replacement.

