



## Grinnell Storefronts

### Historic Building Refurbishment

The City of Grinnell, Iowa undertook an impressive goal to restore its historic appearance in their downtown. Many businesses were onboard with this initiative and the facades of 13 different storefronts were impacted. Adams Architectural Millwork was able to provide new doors and windows for many of the stores.



BEFORE





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In addition to the curb appeal that has been added, the insulated glass of the storefronts will add to the energy efficiency that the business owners will appreciate. These large storefront windows provide the opportunity for the business to show off their goods and entice people to visit. The double-hung windows added to the second story offer light and ventilation, another way to reduce energy use.



CLOSER VIEWS OF THE DOORWAY AND STOREFRONT



BEFORE



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Demolition and reconstruction was a huge undertaking due to the scope of the project. Many businesses were able to take advantage of the future cost savings with making historically-accurate changes with the benefit of insulated glass. To see this project and other commercial work, you can access the portfolios on our website:

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You can see from the photos above that the pieces of insulated glass used in the storefronts were very large. One of the windows that we fabricated was almost 9 feet long and 7 feet high. At that size, the glass alone would weigh approximately 795 lbs!



### BEFORE

It is easy to lose the historic features when the two halves of the building feel like they are two different eras. Above, the 2nd story window detailing on the building to the left is painted to blend in and the original windows on the right were replaced and partially boarded over. When returning to the more historically-accurate accent color on the window hood, the replacement of the windows to original size, and the traditional storefront construction, the buildings are brought back to life and feel more cohesive. Bulkheads, the wood panels located beneath the storefront windows, allow the architectural detailing to tie in with the canopies and transoms to give the face of the building a consistent look. To see some additional photos, the portfolio for this project can be found on our website:

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AFTER

## Project Overview

PROJECT NAME: Main Street Facade in Grinnell, Iowa

CONTRACTOR:



ELEMENTS INCLUDED: Qty 31 Storefront Windows  
Qty 9 Doorways  
Qty 13 Transoms  
Qty 19 Doors (15 single doors and 4 sets of double doors)  
Qty 17 Double Hung Windows  
Subsills for 3 buildings

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