

The following exterior features of the Ezra and Florence Best House, 238 South 12th St., are among those protected by City Ordinance No. 8591 approved October 19, 1993:

1. All exterior stone and brick.
2. Double door entrance with decorative glass transom above.
3. Original east-side porch (three bays wide) with 4 free standing columns and feather pattern shoulder detailing.
4. Pediment on east porch above the front steps with carved detail matching that in the half-gables created at the north and south ends of the porch where the roof attaches to the stone wall.
5. Square stick style porch balustrade with detailed top rail.
6. Elaborate stone and brick string course between first and second stories on southeast tower.
7. Stone string course above foundation.
8. All windows with stone sills and windows.
9. Large window to north of front door on east side featuring decorative glass.
10. Second story large tripart arch window with art glass and stone arch above.
11. Rounded horseshoe arch window (keyhole) on second story has a stone arch above and is entirely of art glass.
12. All windows in the brick facades (north, south and west) with stone sills and brick relieving arch lintels.
13. Large window with decorative brick work at north side stairwell.
14. South side rectangular bay window pier (west of chimney column) featuring brick work, curved cut stone piers, and a tripart arched window at the third level with stone arched lintels and stone sills.
15. Three different cornice treatments at the roof level of the east facade, which, beginning from the southeast tower include:
 - a) dentils with narrow stone trim on south tower.
 - b) wood Greek Revival panels at center.
 - c) decorative stone cornice under the roof gable.
16. South, west, and north cornices having Greek Revival cornice.
17. Black tin roof.
18. Three story tower at southeast corner having curved bell roof and finial.
19. East roof pediment with a pair of square windows with Stick Style mullions two types of wood accents: shingle and vertical stick.
20. South side roof gable with shingles in pediment.
21. Chimneys (3) with corbel detailing.
22. Back porch with square columns and Stick Style balustrade.