



The finest example of Chicago style architecture in Rapid City is the 1909 Duhamel Building, at St. Joseph and Sixth Streets. Built by noteworthy local entrepreneur Peter Duhamel, it expressed the trend toward modernism by using reinforced steel framing. The load bearing capacity allows for expansive window surfaces, stability for large flat roofs, and immense open spaces desirable in commercial buildings. Second-story tripartite windows are indicative of the Chicago style.