

## 535.890. - Definitions.

As used in this article, the following words shall mean:

*Bird-safe glazing.* Bird-safe glazing includes one (1) of the following:

- (1) Façade materials with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Material Threat Factor less than or equal to twenty-five (25); or
- (2) Physical structures or glass patterns that are visible from the outside and the resulting pattern creates spaces no wider than four (4) inches horizontally or two (2) inches high vertically, also known as the "2×4 rule"; or
- (3) A glass pattern that is white to medium gray, visible from the outside, and shall meet at least one (1) of the specific standards below:
  - a. Horizontal line patterns shall be one-eighth ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ) inch wide with two (2) inch on-center spacing; or
  - b. Vertical line patterns shall be one-eighth ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ) inch wide with four (4) inches on-center spacing; or
  - c. Dot patterns with dots one-quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) inch wide with two (2) inch on-center spacing each way; or
  - d. Dot patterns with dots three-eighths ( $\frac{3}{8}$ ) inch wide arranged in horizontal lines with two (2) inch on-center spacing or vertical lines with four (4) inch on-center spacing.

*Skyway.* An enclosed, elevated pedestrian bridge extending from building face to building face that spans a public street, public alley, or is located within private property.

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## 535.920. - Development standards for all permitted skyways.

New skyways shall comply with the following standards and all other applicable regulations of this zoning ordinance:

- (1) *All skyways.*
  - a. At least eighty (80) percent of the exterior sidewalls of the skyway shall be glazing that allows views into and out of the skyway. Glazing shall have clear or lightly tinted glass with a visible light transmittance ratio of six-tenths (0.6) or higher.
  - b. At least eighty-five (85) percent of the glazing area of the exterior sidewalls of a skyway shall meet the bird-safe glazing definition.
- (2) *Skyways that cross a public street or a public alley.*
  - a. Skyways will only be considered for uses in downtown zoning districts; or hospital, college, or university uses outside of downtown zoning districts, subject to the standards of this article.
  - b. Skyways shall only be allowed on the second floor of a building.
  - c. Skyways shall run perpendicular to the public street or public alley that they cross.
  - d. Skyways shall be designed to be horizontally level with the street. Changes in grade shall be accommodated so that the skyway appears level from the exterior.
  - e. Skyways shall not be allowed within fifteen (15) feet of a street intersection. Skyways are encouraged to cross public streets and alleys in the middle portion of the block.
  - f. Skyways shall be a single story.
  - g. The bottom of skyways shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) feet six (6) inches above the public street or public alley.

h. Skyways shall comply with the requirements of subsections (1) and (3) of this section as applicable.

(3) *Skyways within the downtown skyway system.*

- a. Skyway width shall be carefully considered in relation to each skyway's relative location within the system and the projected intensity of use for that skyway and shall be subject to the following conditions:
  1. Skyways and connecting corridors shall have a minimum interior clear width of twelve (12) feet between handrails.
  2. The exterior width of skyways shall be no wider than thirty (30) feet.
  3. Skyways and connecting corridors within the core of the downtown skyway system are encouraged to have a minimum interior clear width of eighteen (18) feet.
- b. Access to skyways shall be facilitated between street and skyway levels. Such access shall be subject to the following conditions:
  1. A public entrance that is clearly defined and emphasized through the use of architectural features, such as an awning, glazing, or other details, shall provide street access to the skyway.
  2. Exterior signage shall be provided at the street-level entrance noting the skyway entrance location.
  3. Elevators, stairs and escalators linking the street and skyway level shall be clearly identified with directional signage. For new buildings, elevators, stairs and escalators linking the street and skyway level shall also be conveniently located.
  4. Interior signage shall be provided at the skyway level, noting access to public streets.
- c. Skyways shall remain open to the public Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Property owners are encouraged to keep their skyways, connecting corridors, and vertical circulation elements open beyond standard hours of operation.
- d. Skyway bridges shall be used exclusively for pedestrian movement. Other uses such as retailing, permanent seating, vending, and display shall be confined to spaces off the skyway bridge.
- e. Skyways shall comply with the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section as applicable.

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