STOREFRONT GATE MECHANISMS





Ordinance #071-23 amended the Planning Code to, among other things, allow certain security gates to be less than 75% transparent. On October 26, 2023, the Planning Commission adopted the following design standards for all security gate mechanisms.

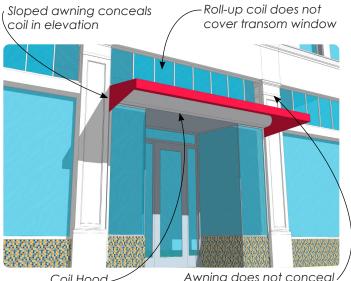
DESIGN STANDARDS

- » The gate's roll-up coil shall be concealed within a sloped awning. Square shaped awnings shall not be allowed.
- » Where a transom window exists above a storefront, the roll-up coil shall not cover the transom window.
- » Regardless of any previous coverage, if a transom window was previously covered, any new awning installed to shield the gate mechanism may not cover a transom window.
- » The roll-up coil shall not be visible when viewed from either the front or side elevation views.
- » A coil hood shall be used in conjunction with an awning. A coil hood alone is not an acceptable means of concealment.
- » Gates may be hand-crank or push-up operated. Motors or chain operated gates shall not be used.
- » Awnings shall not conceal the building's architectural detailing or ornamentation.

PLANNING CODE REOUIREMENTS

See Planning Code Sec. 145.1 for more details.

- » Gates may not be solid. They must have grillwork at least 20% open to perpendicular view.
- » Gates less than 75% open to perpendicular view must include a transparent viewing window for fire safety that is at least 10 inches tall and located at least 50 inches above the sidewalk.
- » Gates must be recessed within or laid flush with the building's facade.



Coil Hood

Awning does not conceal architectural details



Standards as applied to a corner storefront.

Cannabis Retail uses and certain existing security gates that were installed prior to September 6, 2022, may be exempt from the above standards. Additional review may be required for certain historic buildings. Please contact the Planning Information Counter for more information.