

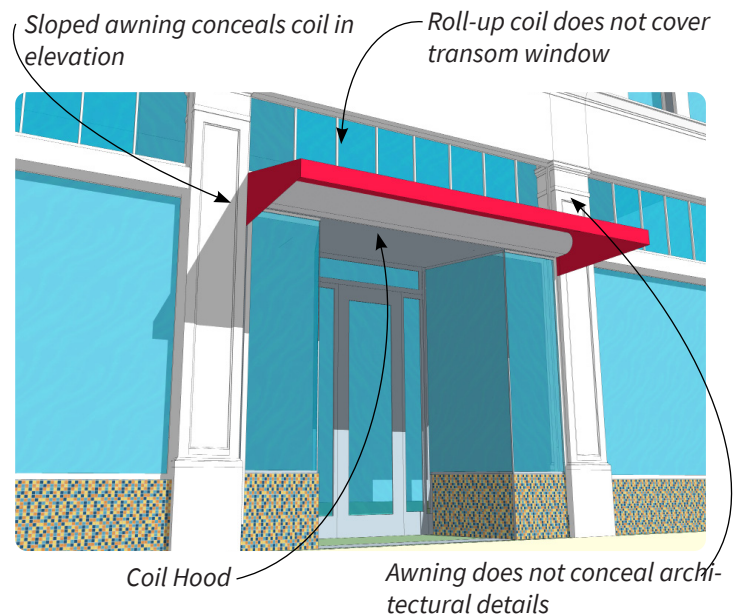
STOREFRONT GATE MECHANISMS



Effective August 17, 2025,
Ordinance 115-25 amended the
Planning Code to remove design
standards for gates, railings, and
grillwork on ground floor street
frontages of non-historic buildings.

DESIGN STANDARDS FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS ONLY (CATEGORY A / A*)

- » 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 REQUIREMENTS FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS ONLY (CATEGORY A / A*)

- » 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.



Standards as applied to a historic corner storefront.

**For A* properties located in a Conservation District, please consult with the Downtown Design Standards.
For information, please contact a Preservation Planner for additional information.**