



**EZ PERMIT STANDARDS**  
**SECURITY GATES & GRILLS**  
 For the Installation of Security Gates & Grills  
 Revised 1/24 (IBC-18 / Title 14)

**EZ Permit Standards: Security Gates & Grills**

**Obtain permits for the installation of Security Gates & Grills without submitting plans by meeting the Conditions and Design Limitations below. Any deviations from this permit standard will result in permit revocation.**

**Conditions**

- EZ permit process shall not be applicable to buildings listed as historic as established by the Philadelphia Historical Commission.
- All security gates & grills used for commercial purposes in Designated Center City, Historic, or Specified Neighborhood Commercial Areas (as specified in the Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code, Section PM-803.1) shall allow for a minimum substantial front face visibility surface area openness of 75% at all times.
- All façade alterations located in the following areas must be approved by the Philadelphia City Planning Commission:
  - Chestnut & Walnut St area (*btw Front St & the Schuylkill River*)
  - South Broad St area (*btw South Penn Sq & Washington Ave*)
  - East Market St area (*btw Front St & 5<sup>th</sup> St*) [Title 14-502(2)(b)(.15)(a)]
  - Society Hill area, Northeast [Title 14-502(2)(b)(.32)(.a)]
  - West Chestnut St Area [Title 14-502(2)(b)(.33)]
  - Ridge Ave Commercial Area (*btw Hermitage St & Monastery Ave*) [Title 14-503(6)(a)]
  - Germantown Ave Area (*Mount Airy Sub-Area*) [Title 14-503(3)(a)(.2)]
  - Historic District Designation [Title 14-504(4)(b)]
  - Queens Village Conservation Overlay [Title 14-504(5)(a)]
  - Overbrook Farms Conservation Overlay [Title 14-504(6)(a)]
- All alterations abutting the following areas must be approved by the Philadelphia Art Commission:
  - Parkway Buffer Area [Title 14-502(2)(b)(.1)]
  - Independence Hall Area [Title 14-502(2)(b)(.11)]
- Installation of security gates/grills at main exits are permitted only in Group B, F, M and S occupancies.
  - Gate/grill installed at main exits must be openable from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort during periods that the space is occupied. (B-1010.1.4.5)
  - Note that the main exit(s) are identified as required exit(s) that are readily identifiable as a primary point of ingress and egress by building occupants.
- Not more than 50% of the required exits or exit access doorways shall be equipped with horizontal or vertical sliding security grills. (B-1005.5)
- Grills to remain secured in the full-open position during the period of occupancy by the general public.
- Installation of new security gates/grills shall not obstruct egress path of other tenants, property owners or occupants at shared easements or entryways. (B-1010.1.4.5)

**Construction Requirements**

**Clearances**

- Minimum Height above Footway: 7'-0" Installation
- Installation as per manufacturer's specifications and listing.
- Anchoring of security gates & grills shall be made to the front face of building with appropriate noncorrosive fasteners as per manufacturer's instructions.
- Complete manufacturer's installation instructions to be on site for inspector.