



EZ PERMIT STANDARD
SECURITY GATES & GRILLES

For the Installation of Security Gates & Grilles

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EZ Permit Standard: Security Gates & Grilles

Obtain permits for the installation of Security Gates & Grilles 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 without prior approval, contact the staff at preservation@phila.gov in the planning stages of your project.
- All security gates & grilles designed to limit or block access to the front face of the buildings or structures used for commercial purposes shall allow for substantial visibility of the front face at all times, solid shutters shall not be permitted.
- 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 & 5th 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/grilles at main exits are permitted only in Group B, F, M and S occupancies.
 - Gate/grille 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.
 - 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.
- Where two or more exits or access exits are required, not more than 50% of the required exits or exit access doorways shall be equipped with horizontal or vertical sliding security grilles.
- Grilles to remain secured in the full-open position during the period of occupancy by the general public.
- Installation of new security gates/grilles shall not obstruct egress path of other tenants, property owners or occupants at shared easements or entryways.

Construction Requirements

- Minimum Height above Footway: 7'-0" clearance
- Installation as per manufacturer's specifications and listing
- Anchoring of security gates & grilles 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