

Awnings and Canopies

Staff Letter - No Certificate Necessary:

1. Repair of existing awnings or canopies with materials matching the previous in size, shape, color, or type. This includes replacement of worn or damaged canvas with a similar color, style, and pattern.
2. Seasonal removal and reinstallation of temporary awnings on existing fittings.

Staff Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Permanent removals or alteration of temporary awnings, including changes in color.
2. Permanent removal of documented non-historic awnings.

Commission Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. New installation, removal, or alteration of permanent awnings and canopies including changes in pattern or material.
2. Any action deemed inappropriate by Staff.

Recommended:

1. On houses, awnings should be traditional in style, usually canvas over metal frame, and proportioned to fit the window properly.
2. Colors should reinforce the colors on the building or storefront.
3. On storefronts, awnings should reflect the openings and proportion of the storefront. Canvas is preferred for covering a metal frame.
4. Awnings are good locations for storefront signage. (See sign guidelines.)

Not Recommended:

1. Covering important architectural features.
2. Aluminum, fixed metal or similar awnings that detract from the visual quality of a building.
3. Backlit awnings.
4. Awning shapes that detract from the proportions and architectural style of the building.
5. In commercial areas, awnings that are obtrusive in the streetscape.