

Security

Additional policies regarding security lights may be found under lights.

Staff Letter - No Certificate Necessary:

1. Interior alarm and security systems.
2. Tape alarm systems attached to the interior edges of window glass.
3. Interior window bars or grilles.
4. Reglazing with clear safety glass, provided there is no alteration to the window.

Staff Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Exterior devices associated with alarm systems (such as alarm boxes or security lights) on the rear or side facade of a building or an existing utility pole, provided written consent by the adjacent building owner(s) is/are submitted in the case of side facades.
2. Exterior window bars or grilles at the basement level.

Commission Level Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. Covering or eliminating windows or doors.
2. Exterior devices associated with alarm systems (such as alarm boxes or security lights) on the front façade of a building or on utility poles other than those already existing on an alley.
3. Exterior window bars or grilles above the basement level.
4. Any action deemed inappropriate by Staff.

Recommended:

1. Security devices that will not detract from the character of the building and surrounding area. Examples include locks, alarm systems, and lights.
2. If a physical barrier is necessary on commercial buildings, consider interior-rolling grilles that can be pulled down when needed.
3. Fixed bars on the inside of basement windows because of their minimal impact to the character of the building.

Not Recommended:

1. Closing up window or door openings.
2. Replacing basement windows with glass block.
3. Permanently fixed bars on the exterior of windows.
4. Replacing original doors with metal doors.