

Chapter 7: Building Accessories and Signs

- Expanded definition of “building accessories” to include items intended to improve access or safety, support building systems, and signs.
- Changed section on “Satellite Antennas and Dishes” to “Telecommunication Structures” to be more inclusive. Expanded definition and guidance.
- Added language that documentation supporting a request to install a utility box or meter may be required including evidence that alternatives are not technically feasible.
- Newspaper boxes, unlike vending machines, are exempt from any city permitting requirements. There is a voluntary agreement in place that limits the style and location of newspaper boxes. The section on “Vending Machines” was edited to reflect this.
- Light fixtures
 - Light fixtures with specific style references not to be approved (faux historical fixtures).
 - Provided for larger light fixtures if supported by the size of the building, provided they do not detract from the streetscape.
 - Added language that mounting blocks are generally not approved.
 - Added image of “coach lamp.”
 - Added a separate section on finishes.
 - Expanded the section on light quality and intensity.
 - Expanded the section on artistic lighting to permit for it in limited cases (monuments; public squares or plazas; and large-scale commercial, institutional or public buildings) where it is intended to highlight architectural features. General flood lighting was excluded.
- Signs
 - Changed “Preserve original signs” to “Preserve historic signs” and expanded definition and explanation.
 - Removed “Historic and Commemorative Markers” from the section since they do not contain a commercial message and are not considered signage under the code. Moved to its own separate section.
 - Expanded the permitted sign materials.
 - Expanded the types of signs that will not be approved to include signs on video screens and monitors, among others.
 - Lighting for signs to comply with previous section on light quality and intensity.
- Energy Conserving Features

- o Changed “Approved energy conserving treatments” to “Commission approval” — either treatments fall under the Minor Rehabilitation List and do not require approval, or approval is required. There are no pre-approved treatments.
 - o “Solar Panels” section changed to “Photovoltaic materials and solar water heating systems.” Definition and guidance was expanded.
- A section on finishes for mailboxes was added.