

REQUIREMENTS FOR A BUILDING PERMIT
Information Sheet
Facade Design Standards

Chapter 18, Building and Construction
Article III Construction Codes

Sec. 18-78 Exterior Building (facade) Design Standards.

- (a) The standards and criteria contained within are deemed to be minimum requirements and shall apply to all new structures. A Façade Design Plan of the entire project shall be submitted with the site plan review documents.
- (b) The standards and criteria contained within are deemed to be minimum requirements and shall apply when a cumulative twenty (20%) percent or more of the structure's exterior wall square footage is altered or repaired. A Façade Design Plan of the entire project shall be submitted when applying for the building permit.
- (c) Building Materials:
 - (1) Exterior front walls (front facades) shall be a minimum twenty-five (25%) percent transparent in order to promote personal safety by permitting visibility between building occupants and outdoor pedestrians and drivers.
 - (2) Exterior front walls, exterior side walls and exterior rear walls (front, side and rear facades) that face or are adjacent to any roadway, shall be built with any approved building materials other than metal.
 - (3) All exteriors (facades) of buildings in a shopping center or in other business developments shall have similar architectural design and materials.
- (d) Exemptions:
 - (1) Single-family detached dwellings may be exempt from such compliance.
 - (2) Painting the exterior of a structure shall not be considered an alteration or repair for the purposes of this section.