



Streamlined Building Permitting for Existing Security Gates

Scope

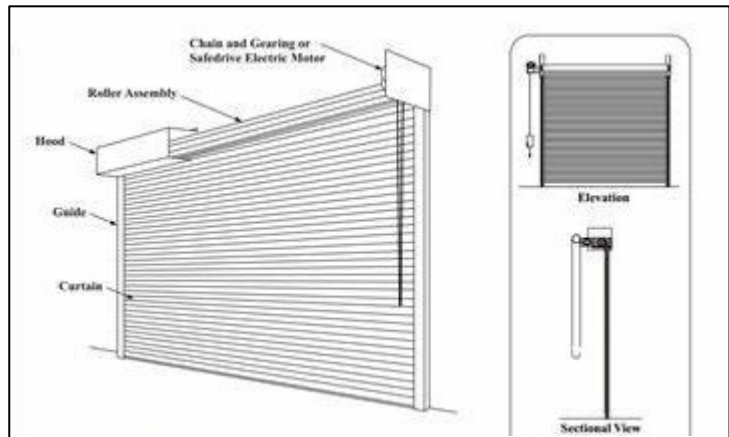
The Department of Building Inspection is committed to the preservation of existing businesses and supporting entrepreneurs pursuing new ventures.

This document outlines a streamlined permitting process requiring minimal documentation and review to facilitate the legalization of existing commercial storefront security gates.

Exceptions to the streamlined permit:

Gates that don't fall under this streamlined permit process include:

- Gates that impede accessibility and reduce the required exit width when in the fully open position.
- Gates that subsequent to field inspection, Inspectors determine require plan review to verify safe installation. (Inadequate attachment, evidence of further building alteration without permit.)



Planning Code Requirements

1. Security gates may be 100% solid when in the closed position.
2. Verify whether the property has been determined to be historic. Search on the [Planning Department's Property Information Map \(SF PIM\)](#) to see how your property is classified.

Building Code Requirements

The existing gate installation shall meet all the requirements listed below.

1. The security gate shall remain secured in fully open position during the period of occupancy by the public.
2. Where two or more exits or access to exits are required, no more than half of the exits or exit access doorways shall be equipped with horizontal sliding or vertical security gates.
3. Horizontal sliding or vertical (roll-down) security gates are permitted at the main exit and shall be openable from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort during periods that the space is occupied. California Building Code 1010.3.4.



4. California Existing Building Code 702.6 requirements: a & b below
 - a. Where such devices are installed, the original minimum clear opening width remains the same when the gate is in fully open position.
 - b. Such devices are releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of a door.
5. The structural attachment shall be sufficient to resist vertical, live and lateral loads.

Fire Code Requirements

1. Assembly Occupancy (A) Buildings are not permitted to have security gate installations at Ingress or Egress doors.

Document Submittal Requirements

1. Form 3/8 Building Permit Application. sf.gov/form-3-8
2. Building Code Self-Certification affidavit on the next page of this document.
3. Property Owner Disclosure form. [DBI Property Owners Disclosure](#)

Applicants are required to schedule inspection after permit issuance.

Upon field inspection, the inspector may require corrections or request structural details to be submitted to the Department of Building Inspection if code compliance cannot be established upon inspection. Inspectors may require the removal and new installation of a security gate based upon the condition of the gate or its attachment to the building.



AFFIDAVIT - SELF-CERTIFICATION FOR SECURITY GATE INSTALLATION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE AFFIDAVIT FOR EACH BUILDING PROPERTY ADDRESS:

ADDRESS (Include unit number): _____

BLOCK: _____

LOT: _____

Occupancy Classification for tenant space per CBC Chapter 3- Assembly Occupancies of 49 persons or less will be classified as Business Occupancy. _____

As owner of, or authorized agent for the property listed above, I do hereby certify that the previously installed security gate meets the requirements of the California Building Code (CBC).

I understand that upon inspection, the inspector may require corrections or request structural details to be submitted to the Department of Building Inspection if code compliance cannot be established upon inspection.

Check each box to acknowledge:

- ☐ The security gate shall remain secured in fully open position during the period of occupancy by the public.
- ☐ Where two or more exits are required, no more than half of the exits or exit access doorways are equipped with horizontal sliding or vertical security gates.
- ☐ The structural attachment is sufficient to support vertical, live and lateral loads.
- ☐ Horizontal sliding or vertical (roll-down) security gates are permitted at the main exit and shall be openable from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort during periods that the space is occupied. CBC 1010.3.4.
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Select one (one signature is required):

☐ Building Owner ☐ Owner's Agent ☐ CA Licensed Contractor

Signature: _____ Date: _____