



**BUILDING CODE MANUAL
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION
Based on the 2011 LACBC**

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AWNINGS

Awnings are architectural projections that provide weather protections, or are used as decorative features and are supported entirely from the exterior wall of the building. Awnings shall have frames of noncombustible material, wood of type IV size (heavy timber), fire-treated wood, or 1-hour construction with combustible or noncombustible covers and shall be fixed, retractable, folding or collapsible.

In addition to the requirements of Section 3105, awnings shall be designed and constructed for uniform live loads as required in Table 1607.1, as well as for snow loads, wind loads and other lateral loads as specified in Sections 1608, 1609 and 1613.

Awnings shall also satisfy the following requirements of Section 3202:

- 1 Supported entirely from exterior wall of the building.
- 2 At least 8 feet above any public way. The lowest part of any awning, including valances, shall have 7 feet minimum vertical clearance above the public way grade.
- 3 Awnings between 8 feet and 15 feet above public way grade, shall not encroach more than two-thirds ($2/3$) the width of the sidewalk measured from the building and shall not extend closer than 2 feet to the curb line.
- 4 Awnings 15 feet or more above public way grade could have unlimited encroachment in the public right-of-way.
- 5 Drainage water collected (concentrated rain water) from an awning is not permitted to flow over a sidewalk or a pedestrian walkway.
- 6 Awning projections into public right-of-way shall not interfere with public utilities such as telephone or power lines.

In addition, Regional Planning and Permit Section of the Land Development Division approvals are required for encroachment into the public right-of-way.

Supersedes BCM 1601 Article 3 dated 04-23-03

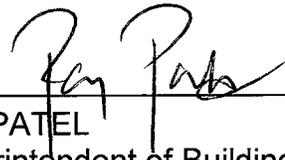
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