

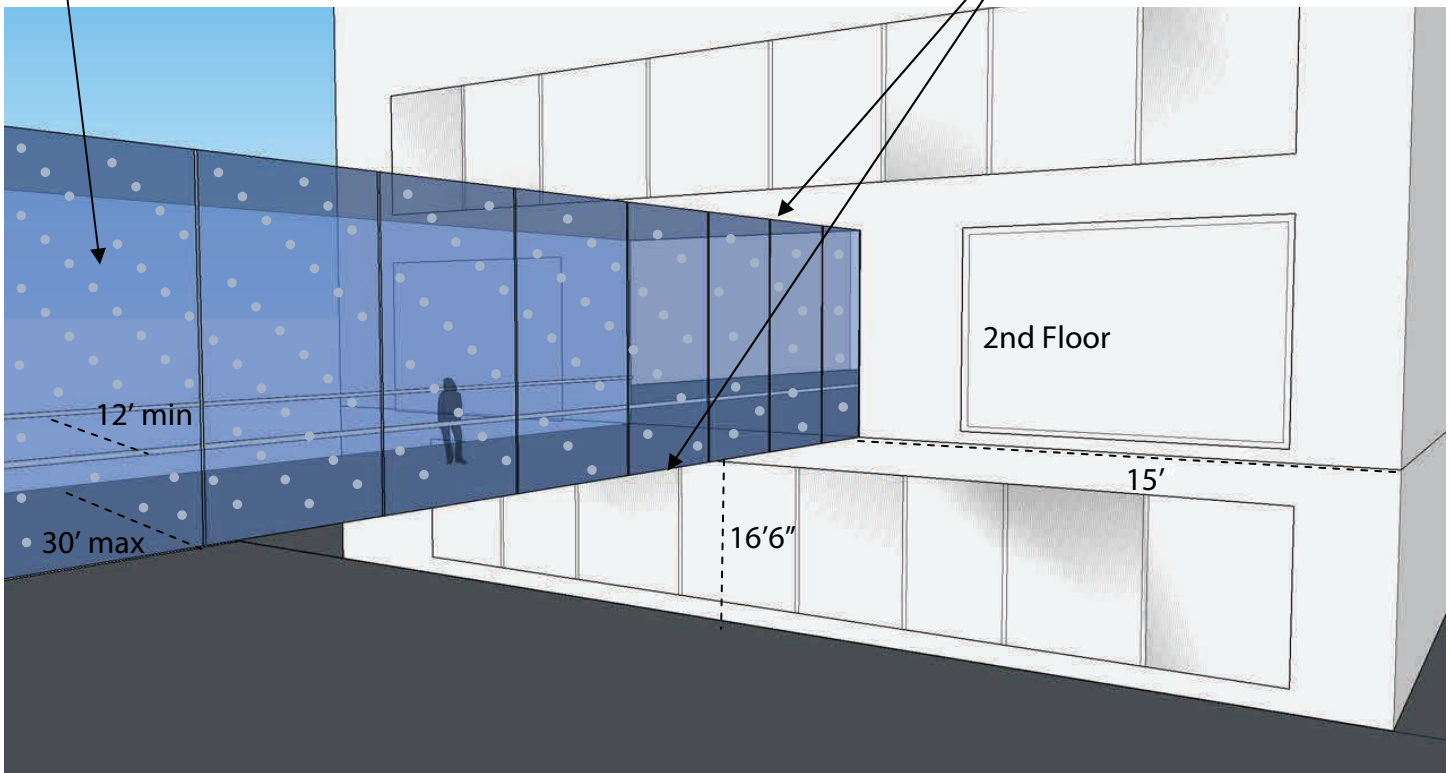
SKYWAYS

This bulletin offers guidance on regulations governing new skyways including review process, materials, and design.

GLAZING

At least 80% of the exterior sidewalls of the skyway shall be glazing allowing views into and out of the skyway. At least 85% of this shall be bird-safe glazing.

Glazing shall have clear or lightly tinted glass with a light transmittance ratio of .6 or higher.



DESIGN

- Single story only
- Horizontally level with the street (changes in grade shall appear level from the exterior)

LOCATION

- Downtown zoning districts (or hospital, college, or university uses outside downtown)
- 2nd floor
- Perpendicular to public street or alley they cross
- 15 feet from street intersections (middle portion of block preferred)
- Bottom of skyway shall be a minimum of 16 feet 6 inches above the public street or alley

DOWNTOWN SKYWAYS

- Minimum interior clear width is 12 feet between handrails (if located within the downtown core, an interior clear width of 18 feet is encouraged)
- Exterior width no wider than 30 feet
- Clearly defined access between the street and skyway (signage, elevator/stair/escalator links, etc.)
- Open to public Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 10:00 pm, Saturday from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm and Sunday from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Only used for pedestrian movement

APPROVAL PROCESS

Skyways are administratively reviewed by the zoning administrator if they comply with the standards of Section 535.920. Once approved, an encroachment permit may be issued.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Consult Chapter 535, Article XIII of the City's Zoning Ordinance Online at:

http://www.minneapolismn.gov/zoningmaps/zoning_code_index Last Updated: 11/1/2017