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## Bird-Safe Buildings Legislation, Ordinances & Guidelines

### CANADA

- **Canadian Standards Association (Voluntary)**
  - [https://store.csagroup.org/ccrz\\_ProductDetails?viewState=DetailView&cartID=&portalUser=&store=&cclcl=en\\_US&sku=CSA%20A460%3A19](https://store.csagroup.org/ccrz_ProductDetails?viewState=DetailView&cartID=&portalUser=&store=&cclcl=en_US&sku=CSA%20A460%3A19)
- **City of Toronto (Mandatory)**
  - Legislation adopted October 27, 2009
  - Mandatory for all buildings
  - [https://www1.toronto.ca/city\\_of\\_toronto/city\\_planning/zoning\\_environment/files/pdf/development\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www1.toronto.ca/city_of_toronto/city_planning/zoning_environment/files/pdf/development_guidelines.pdf)
  - <http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=c5f20621f3161410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnextchannel=c64a036318061410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>
- **Province of Ontario (Mandatory)**
  - Legislation adopted February 1, 2014
  - Court decision that pollution laws cover reflections
  - <https://www.ecojustice.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Podolsky-v.-Cadillac-Fairview.-Ont-Ct-of-Justice.-Green-J.-final-version.2013.02.14.pdf>
- **City of Calgary (Voluntary)**
  - Legislation, Bird-Friendly Urban Design Guidelines, adopted March 2011
  - [http://fonhs.org/bird\\_friendly\\_design\\_guidelines.pdf](http://fonhs.org/bird_friendly_design_guidelines.pdf)

- **City of Markham (Voluntary)**
  - Adopted January, 2014
  - <http://www2.markham.ca/markham/ccbs/indexfile/Agendas/2014/Development%20Services/pl140204/Bird%20Friendly%20-%20Appendix%20A%20-%20Guidelines.pdf>
  
- **City of Vancouver (Voluntary)**
  - Created 2015
  - A loose set of bird-friendly building and landscaping recommendations
  - <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/vancouver-bird-strategy.pdf>

## **U.S. - FEDERAL**

- **Bird-Safe Buildings Act** (*Pending*)
  - House of Representatives
    - H.R. 919
    - Introduced January 31, 2019 by IL U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley
    - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/919/text>
  - Senate – not yet introduced in 2019
    - S. 1920
    - Introduced November 2017 by NJ U.S. Senator Cory Booker
    - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1920>

## **U.S. – BY STATE**

### **CALIFORNIA**

- **California Green Building Code (CALGreen) (Voluntary)**
  - Statewide voluntary guidelines adopted January 1, 2011
  - <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/Home/CALGreen.aspx>

- **City of Alameda (Mandatory)**
  - 11/27/2018: Passed unanimously. Ordinance Amending the Alameda Municipal Code by Amending Section 30-5.15 of Chapter XXX (Zoning Ordinance) to Adopt New Bird-Safe Building Standards and Update Outdoor Lighting Regulations Consistent with Dark Skies Standards.
  - <https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3756063&GUID=2E8203B6-7841-42FC-A8B8-552FA7D9D246&Options=&Search=&FullText=1>
  - [https://goldengateaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/TheGull\\_Winter19.pdf](https://goldengateaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/TheGull_Winter19.pdf)
  
- **City of Berkeley (Mandatory) (Pending)**
  - Applies to new construction and renovations
  - [https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Planning\\_and\\_Development/Level\\_3\\_-\\_Commissions/Commission\\_for\\_Community\\_Environmental\\_Advisory/Bird%20Safety%20Ordinance%20DRAFT.pdf](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Planning_and_Development/Level_3_-_Commissions/Commission_for_Community_Environmental_Advisory/Bird%20Safety%20Ordinance%20DRAFT.pdf)
  
- **City of Menlo Park (Optional)**
  - <https://www.menlopark.org/DocumentCenter/View/10344> (see pages 21-22)
  
- **City of Mountain View – Only the North Bayshore Area (Mandatory & Optional)**
  - North Bayshore is a section of the City of Menlo Park.
  - Revisions to the North Bayshore Precise Plan adopted December 12, 2017
  - <https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/planning/activeprojects/northbayshore/default.asp> (See section 5.2 pages 125-126)
  
- **City of Oakland (Mandatory)**
  - Adopted as part of the City's building permit process on June 15, 2013
  - Applies to buildings adjacent to parks, water bodies & green spaces
  - <http://goldengateaudubon.org/blog-posts/oakland-adopts-bird-safety-building-measures/>

- Text: <https://goldengateaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/Oakland-Bird-Safety-Measures.pdf>
- **City of Palo Alto (Voluntary)**
  - Guidelines adopted March 6, 2015
  - <http://www.birdwatchingdaily.com/blog/2015/03/06/capital-of-silicon-valley-adopts-bird-friendly-building-guidelines/>
- **City of Richmond (Mandatory)**
  - Ordinance 15.04.608.030 adopted November 15, 2016 (16-16 NS).
  - [https://library.municode.com/ca/richmond/ordinances/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=832252](https://library.municode.com/ca/richmond/ordinances/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=832252) (Pages 356-358)
- **City and County of San Francisco (Mandatory)**
  - Legislation, Standards for Bird-safe Buildings, adopted November 30, 2011
  - First legislation of its type in the U.S. for a major city
  - <http://sf-planning.org/standards-bird-safe-buildings>
- **City of Sunnyvale (Voluntary)**
  - Voluntary ordinance, Standards for Bird-safe Buildings, adopted January 28, 2014
  - Guidelines could become mandatory in the future
  - <https://sunnyvaleca.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1638114&GUID=5CAC105A-E0AB-44C2-B97E-32F020282CFE&FullText=1>
- **City of Santa Cruz (Mandatory)**
  - Bird-safe building standard (NOT adopted as an ordinance)
  - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/planning-and-community-development/area-plans-planning-documents-projects>
  - Specifically, see:
    - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=75970>

- **City of San Jose (Mandatory)**

- Adopted (5/21/2019 Synopsis 4.3, 19-362):

<https://sanjose.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=21676&GUID=ACCCCF5-F14A-4E1A-8540-9065F45A8A90>

- Code 4.4.2.b Bird Safety: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=6226>

## **ILLINOIS**

- **Village of Barrington (Mandatory)**

- Guidelines adopted December 13, 2010 (City Council Resolution 10-3959)

- <http://www.barrington-il.gov/home/showdocument?id=1696>

- **City of Chicago (Mandatory) (Pending)**

- <https://chicago.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3843156&GUID=8467EB3C-A872-407E-85E5-0ED7E351DE29>

- **City of Highland Park (Mandatory)**

- Legislation adopted February 14, 2011 (Section 170.105 Bird Friendly Construction)

- Mandatory to certain municipal buildings

- <http://www.cityhpil.com/documentcenter/view/508>

- **Cook County (Mandatory)**

- Unincorporated: Does not include the City of Chicago

- Benchmarks and Beyond <http://www.b3mn.org>

- Legislation adopted July 8, 2008

- Applies to all new construction and all building renovations

- <https://www.cookcountyil.gov>

- **State of Illinois (Mandatory) (Pending)**

- Applies to state buildings (new construction and substantial renovations)

- <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=4476&GAID=15&DocTypeID=HB&SessionID=108&GA=101>

## **MARYLAND**

- **Maryland Bird-Safe Buildings Act** (*Pending*)
  - <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=SB1009&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2018RS>

## **MINNESOTA**

- **City of Minneapolis (Mandatory)**
  - Zoning code for skywalks
  - <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcmssp-186248.pdf>
- **State of Minnesota (Mandatory)**
  - Legislation adopted May 1, 2013 (B3 Program: Buildings, Benchmarks and Beyond)
  - Designed to parallel LEED Pilot Credit 55
  - <http://www.b3mn.org>

## **NEW YORK**

- **City of New York City (MANDATORY)**
  - New York City Council Int. 1481-2019
    - <https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3903501&GUID=21B44B73-D7E1-4C55-83BD-1CA254531416&Options=&Search=>
      - Download final bill language (listed above as “Attachment 18: Int. No. 1482-B (FINAL)”):  
<https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/View.ashx?M=F&ID=7965585&GUID=E8DA2C72-3864-43BC-B751-54F1546F8FB9>
      - Passed December 10, 2019. Will be enacted by December 10, 2020.

## **OREGON**

- **City of Portland (Voluntary)**
  - Legislation (non-binding City Council resolution) adopted July 2012 First Edition
  - Guidelines scheduled for implementation July 9, 2018.
  - <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/446308>

## **WASHINGTON DC**

- **Green Code – two points (Voluntary) (*Pending*)**