



Bringing back the birds

Bird-Safe Buildings Legislation, Ordinances & Guidelines

(BLUE: Mandatory; RED: Voluntary)

CANADA

- **City of Toronto**
 - 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
 - <http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vnextoid=c5f20621f3161410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vnextchannel=c64a036318061410VgnVCM1000071d60f89RCRD>
- **Province of Ontario**
 - 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: Bird-Friendly Urban Design Guidelines**
 - Legislation adopted March 2011
 - http://fonhs.org/bird_friendly_design_guidelines.pdf

- **City of Markham**

- Adopted January, 2014
- <http://www2.markham.ca/markham/ccbs/indexfile/Agendas/2014/Development%20Services/pl140204/Bird%20Friendly%20-%20Appendix%20A%20-%20Guidelines.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**
 - Statewide voluntary guidelines adopted January 1, 2011
 - <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/Home/CALGreen.aspx>
- **City of Alameda**
 - 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
- **City of Oakland**
 - Legislation adopted June 15, 2013
 - Applies to buildings adjacent to parks, water bodies & green spaces
 - <http://goldengateaudubon.org/blog-posts/oakland-adopts-bird-safety-building-measures/>
- **City of Palo Alto**
 - Guidelines adopted March 6, 2015
 - <http://www.birdwatchingdaily.com/blog/2015/03/06/capital-of-silicon-valley-adopts-bird-friendly-building-guidelines/>
- **City of San Francisco: Bird-safe Building Standards**
 - Legislation 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: Standards for Bird-safe Buildings**
 - Voluntary Ordinance 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**
 - <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=75970>

- **City of San Jose**

- 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:** City Council Resolution 10-3959
 - Guidelines adopted December 13, 2010
 - <http://www.barrington-il.gov/home/showdocument?id=1696>
- **City of Highland Park:** Section 170.105 Bird Friendly Construction
 - Legislation adopted February 14, 2011
 - Mandatory to certain municipal buildings
 - <http://www.cityhpil.com/documentcenter/view/508>
- **Cook County** (unincorporated: does not include 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>

MARYLAND

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

MINNESOTA

- **City of Minneapolis**
 - Zoning code covers skywalks

- <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/wbcontent/wcmsp-186248.pdf>
- **State of Minnesota B3 Program: Buildings, Benchmarks and Beyond**
 - Legislation adopted May 1, 2013
 - Designed to parallel LEED Pilot Credit 55
 - <http://www.b3mn.org>

NEW YORK

- **New York City** NYS Assembly Bill A8779 (*Pending*)
 - <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/a8779>
- **New York State** (*Pending*)
 - <https://ny.curbed.com/2019/5/2/18525925/nyc-bird-friendly-building-council-act-senate-assembly>

OREGON

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

WASHINGTON DC

- **Addition of two points for bird-friendly design to Green Code** (*Pending*)