

**Oregon
Interpretive Ruling No. 93-26
LOCAL AMENDMENT
CITY OF SALEM**

Requested By: PPPI MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

QUESTION

As provided in ORS 455.040 may the City of Salem have a local amendment to add a new Section 4508 to the Oregon Structural Specialty Code Chapter 45 to allow building appendages to project over public sidewalks for weather protection?

APPLICABLE CODE SECTIONS

1993 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC), Chapter 45 regulates "permanent occupancy of public property."

BACKGROUND

The Structural Code Advisory Board at its March 24, 1981, meeting recommended approval of this local ordinance to the Administrator. It was originally approved by: Jane Huston, Director of Commerce.

REQUESTED LOCAL AMENDMENT

Section 4508 Sidewalk Covers: (a) General. Building appendages designed to provide sidewalk weather protection may, with a permit issued as provided in Salem Ordinance SRC 76.160, project over a sidewalk when constructed as provided in this section.

(b) Structural Requirements. Sidewalk covers shall meet all material, design, and construction standards applicable to the type and location of building to which they are attached, except that sidewalk covers shall not contain any combustible materials.

(c) Structural Support. The sidewalk cover shall be supported on one side by the building and on the other by posts located no closer than 36 inches to the curb line.

(d) Clearance. The vertical clearance between a sidewalk cover and the sidewalk shall be no less than eight feet. Horizontal clearance between the curb line and the sidewalk cover shall be no less than 14 inches.

(e) Roof Slope. Roofs of sidewalk covers shall slope away from the face of the building to which they are attached by a pitch of not less than 0.25 inches vertical to one foot horizontal, and not more than three inches vertical to one foot horizontal, to downspouts draining beneath the sidewalk to the curb.

(f) Skylights. Skylights shall conform to Chapter 34. In addition, where there are windows or any portions thereof above and within 20 feet vertically of the roof of the sidewalk cover, no skylight shall be located directly beneath such windows.

Exception: Where two or more windows serve the same room in other than Group I, R, and SR occupancies, skylights may be located beneath all but one of such windows

(g) Location. Sidewalk covers and their supports shall be so located as not to block or impede direct access from any exit or fire escape to the street or to interfere with the operation of any exterior standpipe or sprinkler system, or to interfere with the placement or maintenance of any street light, traffic control device, or other public structure in the right-of-way. Support locations shall not impede sidewalk accessibility.

FINDINGS

The Structural Code Advisory Board finds the previously approved local amendment should be covered by a local ordinance and not be a statewide code change. OSSC has gone through many changes since 1981, but the context found in this approved local ordinance is still relevant to the City of Salem.

This ruling is authorized by ORS 455.040, which provides for approved local amendments.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The Board rules a local ordinance for sidewalk covers is acceptable as a local amendment as shown here for the City of Salem. Alternate Method No. 93-26 replaces PPPI 2018.

(signed July 21, 1993)

John Talbott, Chairman
Structural Code Advisory Board

Date

The recommendations and findings of the Structural Code Advisory Board are accepted and the conclusions are adopted.

(signed July 30, 1993)

Michelle J. Patterson for
Gary J. Wicks, Administrator
Building Codes Agency

Date