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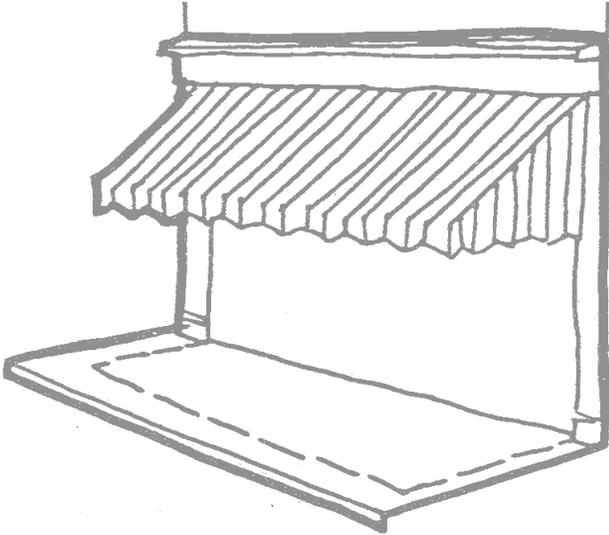


Example of awning

Awnings are encouraged as part of an overall design concept for buildings, both in commercial and residential uses. They provide an interesting architectural element to buildings, more importantly, however, they provided a natural climate control in an age before air-conditioning, insulated glass, and tinted glass. By blocking out the sun's rays while admitting daylight and allowing air to circulate between interior and exterior, they were remarkably efficient and cost effective. On commercial buildings, awnings permitted window-shopping on rainy days and protection from the sun during hot summer months. Attractive, attention-getting awnings with stripes, ornate scalloped valences, and painted lettering and logos with all sorts of colors and pattern choices were used to get a customer's attention while also complimenting the building. On residential buildings, awnings can provide shelter and protection from the elements at the front doors or provide shade and shelter on rear decks. Awnings still provide these same benefits today and are encouraged as part of a historic building.

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Awning shall fit inside of the window opening



Awnings are to be proportionate with the size of the building. The awning of the left is appropriate and the awning of the right is too large.

GUIDELINES:

1. Installation of awnings is encouraged on commercial or residential structures.
2. Awnings are to respect the original character of the building and the surrounding buildings. Awnings are not to obscure significant architectural features or require their removal.
3. New awnings are to be of a size, shape, color, and texture that are compatible with the building's architectural style.
4. Awnings are to be constructed of canvas or another pliable material and not be made of metal or other rigid materials.
5. Awnings may incorporate signs on commercial structures.
6. If an awning is needed for a wide opening, break up the awning into smaller sections of bays.



Example of awning broken up over a large span as to not obscure architectural elements