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ORDINANCE NO. **30894**

An ordinance amending Chapter 51, "Dallas Development Code: Ordinance No. 10962, as amended," and Chapter 51A, "Dallas Development Code: Ordinance No. 19455, as amended," of the Dallas City Code by amending Sections 51-4.217 and 51A-4.217; allowing pedestrian skybridge support structures to be in the public right-of-way and in required yards; providing a penalty not to exceed \$2,000; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the city plan commission and the city council, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Dallas, the state law, and the ordinances of the City of Dallas, have given the required notices and have held the required public hearings regarding this amendment to the Dallas City Code; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Subparagraph (F) of Paragraph (11), "Pedestrian Skybridges," of Subsection (b), "Specific Accessory Uses," of Section 51-4.217, "Accessory Uses," of Division 51-4.200, "Use Regulations," of Article IV, "Zoning Regulations," of Chapter 51, "Dallas Development Code: Ordinance No. 10962, as amended," of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

"(F) Mandatory pedestrian skybridge standards: Additional provisions concerning construction of pedestrian walkways are contained in Chapter 53, "Dallas Building Code," of the Dallas City Code. Pedestrian skybridges must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the following regulations:

(i) Pedestrian skybridges must be properly maintained at all times. If a pedestrian skybridge connects two buildings which are separately owned, an operating agreement assigning maintenance and liability responsibilities is required.

(ii) No more than one pedestrian skybridge may be located within any blockface [~~block~~] or 700 feet of frontage, whichever is less.

(iii) Pedestrian skybridges must have clearance above the public right-of-way of at least 18 feet above grade.

(iv) If the pedestrian skybridge has a length of less than 150 feet, the interior passageway must be no less than 10 feet and no greater than 20 feet in width. If the pedestrian skybridge has a length equal to or greater than 150 feet, the interior passageway must be no less than 12 feet and no greater than 20 feet in width.

(v) The interior height of the passageway must be at least seven and one-half feet. The interior height at the springline of vaulted ceilings must be at least seven and one-half feet.

(vi) Supports may [~~must not~~] be located within the public right-of-way if the placement of the support structure does not impede pedestrian traffic and maintains minimum sidewalk clearance widths required in the zoning district and in conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Chapter 126.

(vii) A sign must be posted within the adjoining structures indicating whether the skybridge is open to the public, the location of the pedestrian skybridge, and where the pedestrian skybridge leads.

(viii) Pedestrian skybridges must meet state and federal standards for accessibility to and usability by individuals with disabilities.

(ix) Pedestrian skybridges connected to structures with air conditioning must be enclosed and air conditioned.

(x) Any change in slope of the pedestrian skybridge greater than one percent must be over private property or concealed within the pedestrian skybridge.

(xi) Pedestrian skybridges must not diverge from a perpendicular angle to the right-of-way by more than 30 degrees.

(xii) At least 70 percent of the side walls must be open, or glass or transparent material with a light transmission of not less than 36 percent and a luminous reflectance of not more than six percent. "Light transmission" means the ratio of the amount of total light to pass through the material to the amount of total light falling on the material and any glazing. "Luminous reflectance" means the ratio of the amount of total light that is reflected outward by a material to the amount of total light falling on the material.

(xiii) Minimum artificial lighting of 15 foot candles must be provided. Lighting must not produce glare of an intensity that creates a nuisance for motor vehicles or pedestrians.

(xiv) No exterior signs, other than government signs, may be applied to or suspended from any pedestrian skybridge.

(xv) Pedestrian skybridges must not be located within 300 feet of an historic overlay district.

(xvi) Pedestrian skybridges must be designed to prevent people from jumping or throwing objects from the pedestrian skybridge.

(xvii) Structural materials must be durable and easily maintained. Construction must comply with the City of Dallas Building and Fire Codes.

(xviii) Pedestrian skybridges must not interfere with or impair use of the right-of-way by existing or proposed communication and utility facilities.

(xix) The applicant must post bond for the estimated cost to the city to remove the pedestrian skybridge if it becomes a public nuisance.

(xx) Skybridges may be placed in a required front, side, or rear yard.

SECTION 2. That Subparagraph (H) of Paragraph (11), "Pedestrian Skybridges," of Subsection (b), "Specific Accessory Uses," of Section 51-4.217, "Accessory Uses," of Division 51-4.200, "Use Regulations," of Article IV, "Zoning Regulations," of Chapter 51, "Dallas Development Code: Ordinance No. 10962, as amended," of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

"(H) Waiver [~~Special exception~~]: The city council [~~board of adjustment~~] may, by a three-fourths vote, grant a waiver [~~special exception~~] to the pedestrian skybridge standards contained in this paragraph if the council [~~board~~] finds that:

(i) strict compliance with the requirements will unreasonably burden the use of either of the properties;

(ii) the waiver [~~special exception~~] will not adversely affect neighboring property; ~~and~~

(iii) the waiver [~~special exception~~] will not be contrary to the public interest; and

(iv) the waiver will not be contrary to the public health, safety, or welfare.

SECTION 3. That Subparagraph (F), "Mandatory Pedestrian Skybridge Standards," of Paragraph (12), "Pedestrian Skybridges," of Subsection (b), "Specific Accessory Uses," of Section 51A-4.217, "Accessory Uses," of Division 51A-4.200, "Use Regulations," of Article IV, "Zoning Regulations," of Chapter 51A, "Dallas Development Code: Ordinance No. 19455, as amended," of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

"(F) Mandatory pedestrian skybridge standards. Additional provisions concerning construction of pedestrian walkways are contained in [Section 509 of] Chapter 53, "Dallas Building Code," of the Dallas City Code. Pedestrian skybridges must be constructed and maintained in accordance with the following regulations:

(i) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky bridges~~] must be properly maintained at all times. If a pedestrian skybridge connects two buildings which are separately owned, an operating agreement assigning maintenance and liability responsibilities is required.

(ii) No more than one pedestrian skybridge may be located within any blockface [~~block~~] or 700 feet of frontage, whichever is less.

(iii) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky bridges~~] must have clearance above the public right-of-way of at least 18 feet above grade.

(iv) If the pedestrian skybridge has a length of less than 150 feet, the interior passageway must be no less than 10 feet and no greater than 20 feet in width. If the pedestrian skybridge has a length equal to or greater than 150 feet, the interior passageway must be no less than 12 feet and no greater than 20 feet in width.

(v) The interior height of the passageway must be at least 7 1/2 feet. The interior height at the springline of vaulted ceilings must be at least 7 1/2 feet.

(vi) Supports may [~~must not~~] be located within the public right-of-way if the placement of the support structure does not impede pedestrian traffic and maintains minimum sidewalk clearance widths required in the zoning district and in conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Chapter 126.

(vii) A sign must be posted within the adjoining structures indicating whether the skybridge is open to the public, the location of the pedestrian skybridge, and where the pedestrian skybridge leads.

(viii) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky-bridges~~] must meet state and federal standards for accessibility to and usability by individuals with disabilities.

(ix) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky-bridges~~] connected to structures with air conditioning must be enclosed and air conditioned.

(x) Any change in slope of the pedestrian skybridge greater than one percent must be over private property or concealed within the pedestrian skybridge.

(xi) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky-bridges~~] must not diverge from a perpendicular angle to the right-of-way by more than 30 degrees.

(xii) At least 70 percent of the side walls must be open, or glass or transparent material with a light transmission of not less than 36 percent and a luminous reflectance of not more than six[6] percent. "Light transmission" means the ratio of the amount of total light to pass through the material to the amount of total light falling on the material and any glazing. "Luminous reflectance" means the ratio of the amount of total light that is reflected outward by a material to the amount of total light falling on the material.

(xiii) Minimum artificial lighting of 15 foot candles must be provided. Lighting must not produce glare of an intensity that creates a nuisance for motor vehicles or pedestrians.

(xiv) No exterior signs, other than government signs, may be applied to or suspended from any pedestrian skybridge.

(xv) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky-bridges~~] must not be located within 300 feet of an historic overlay district.

(xvi) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky-bridges~~] must be designed to prevent people from jumping or throwing objects from the pedestrian skybridge.

(xvii) Structural materials must be durable and easily maintained. Construction must comply with the City of Dallas Building and Fire Codes.

(xviii) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky-bridges~~] must not interfere with or impair use of the right-of-way by existing or proposed communication and utility facilities.

(~~xix~~[~~xvi~~]) The applicant must post bond for the estimated cost to the city to remove the pedestrian skybridge if it becomes a public nuisance.

(xx) Skybridges may be placed in the required front, side, or rear yard."

SECTION 4. That Subparagraph (G), “Recommended Pedestrian Skybridge Standards,” of Paragraph (12), “Pedestrian Skybridges,” of Subsection (b), “Specific Accessory Uses,” of Section 51A-4.217, “Accessory Uses,” of Division 51A-4.200, “Use Regulations,” of Article IV, “Zoning Regulations,” of Chapter 51A, “Dallas Development Code: Ordinance No. 19455, as amended,” of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

“(G) Recommended pedestrian skybridge standards. Pedestrian skybridges are recommended to be constructed and maintained in accordance with the following guidelines:

(i) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky bridges~~] which are open to the public should penetrate the second story of the adjoining structures, or, if not possible, as close as possible to the street level.

(ii) Pedestrian skybridges [~~sky bridges~~] should penetrate the adjoining structures as closely as possible to escalators or elevators having access to the entire structure and the street.

(iii) Free-standing pedestrian skybridges and pedestrian skybridges connected to structures without air conditioning should have a roof, wind breaks, and adequate ventilation that maximize the comfort and safety of pedestrians. A pedestrian skybridge should be open only when the adjoining structures are open.

(iv) If the length of the pedestrian skybridge exceeds 250 feet, the passageway should be interrupted by interior visual breaks, such as turns, courts, or plazas.

(v) Primary lighting sources should be recessed and indirect. Accent lighting is encouraged. Natural lighting should be used in addition to artificial lighting.

(vi) The pedestrian skybridge should be designed so as to coordinate with the adjoining structures to the extent possible. Where coordination is not possible, the pedestrian skybridge should be of a neutral color, such as brown or grey.”

SECTION 5. That Subparagraph (H), "Special Exception," of Paragraph (12), "Pedestrian Skybridges," of Subsection (b), "Specific Accessory Uses," of Section 51A-4.217, "Accessory Uses," of Division 51A-4.200, "Use Regulations," of Article IV, "Zoning Regulations," of Chapter 51A, "Dallas Development Code: Ordinance No. 19455, as amended," of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

"(H) Waiver [~~Special exception~~]. The city council [~~board of adjustment~~] may, by a three-fourths vote, grant a waiver [~~special exception~~] to the pedestrian skybridge standards contained in this paragraph if the council [~~board~~] finds that:

(i) strict compliance with the requirements will unreasonably burden the use of either of the properties;

(ii) the waiver [~~special exception~~] will not adversely affect neighboring property; ~~and~~

(iii) the waiver [~~special exception~~] will not be contrary to the public interest; and

(iv) the waiver will not be contrary to the public health, safety, or welfare."

SECTION 6. That a person violating a provision of this ordinance, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.

SECTION 7. That Chapters 51 and 51A of the Dallas City Code shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

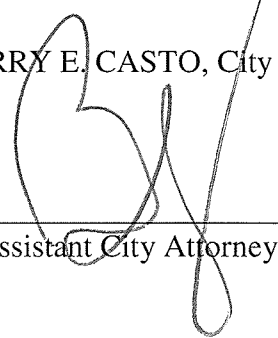
SECTION 8. That any act done or right vested or accrued, or any proceeding, suit, or prosecution had or commenced in any action before the amendment or repeal of any ordinance, or part thereof, shall not be affected or impaired by amendment or repeal of any ordinance, or part thereof, and shall be treated as still remaining in full force and effect for all intents and purposes as if the amended or repealed ordinance, or part thereof, had remained in force.

SECTION 9. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of Chapter 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

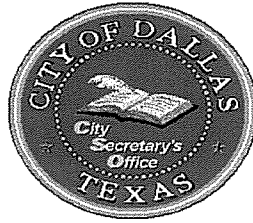
SECTION 10. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LARRY E. CASTO, City Attorney

By  _____
Assistant City Attorney

Passed JUN 13 2018



PROOF OF PUBLICATION – LEGAL ADVERTISING

The legal advertisement required for the noted ordinance was published in the Dallas Morning News, the official newspaper of the city, as required by law, and the Dallas City Charter, Chapter XVIII, Section 7.

DATE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL JUN 13 2018

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DATE PUBLISHED JUN 16 2018

ATTESTED BY: