



BAR Review Levels

These levels of review are applicable in most cases. Please note that during the administrative review process, Staff may determine that a project must be reviewed by the Board. Contact Staff at 703.746.3833 to confirm which level of review is required for your project.

NO BAR REVIEW

In-kind replacement of existing flat profile skylights

ADMINISTRATIVE (STAFF) REVIEW

New skylights on non-street facing sides

BOARD REVIEW

New skylights on street-facing sides

Introduction

Skylights are used to bring more light into the interior of a structure. Skylights can become prominent elements on a building and may interrupt the historic profile of a roofline. The Board discourages the visual disruption of a historic roof profile.

Guidelines

- o Skylights should be minimally visible from the public right-of-way.
- o The minimum possible amount of historic fabric should be removed when installing skylights.
- o Flashing around skylights should match the color of the roofing material in order to reduce the visual intrusion.
- o The material of skylights should be non-reflective, but may be tinted bronze or gray depending on roofing materials.
- o The Board prefers low or flat profile glass skylights, rather than round or domed skylights.
- o Flat profile skylights on flat and low-sloped roofs are considered to be not visible by the Board.

Additional Information

- o Interior shading devices can be used to mitigate light pollution and heat buildup in the house.
- o This chapter applies to solar tubes as well as skylights.



SKYLIGHTS

Example of a minimally visible skylight installed on a roof.

