

**CITY OF REXBURG**  
**ORDINANCE ORD 1340 SKYBRIDGES SEPTEMBER 2025**

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Rexburg, in the State of Idaho, as follows:

**SECTION 1:**        **AMENDMENT** “SIGN-T” of the Rexburg Development Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

**BEFORE AMENDMENT**

SIGN-T

**Single-family Dwelling:** (*[see Dwelling, Single-family](#)*)

**Stand:** the area reserved for the placement of a manufactured home.

**Standard Drawings and Specifications:** Standard drawings and specifications are defined as the Rexburg Engineering Department Standards Specifications and Drawings as adopted by the City of Rexburg. (*[See City Engineering Standards.](#)*)

**Start of Construction:** Includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, placement or other improvement was within one-hundred-eighty (180) days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site or the placement of a manufactured home on a permanent foundation.

**Stick Built:** A building constructed at the location where it is to be used, not intended or designed to be moved easily.

**Story:** That portion of a building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor next above it, or if there be no floor above it, the space between such floor and the ceiling above it. A basement shall be counted as a story if its ceiling is over six (6') feet above the average level of the finished ground surface adjoining the exterior walls of such story, or if it is used for business or dwelling purposes.

**Street:** A public or private thoroughfare used, or intended to be used for passage or travel by motor vehicles. Driveways are not included. Streets are further classified by the functions they perform.

- A. **Alley Street:** A public service way used to provide secondary vehicular access to properties otherwise abutting upon a street.
- B. **Arterial Street:** Roads conveying traffic from between major activity centers within the community and traffic through the City. Efficient movement is the primary function of arterial roads. Private and front access should be controlled and limited to high

volume generators of vehicle trips.

- C. **Collector Street:** Streets that conduct and distribute traffic between other residential streets of lower-order and higher-order streets or major activity centers. This is the highest-order of a street appropriate to a residential neighborhood and residential frontage along it should be prohibited or severely restricted.
- D. **Cul-de-sac Street:** A short local street having one end permanently terminated in a vehicular turnaround with a length of no greater than six-hundred (600') feet.
- E. **Frontage Street:** A minor street parallel and adjacent to an arterial route and intercepts local streets and controls access to an arterial route.
- F. **Minor Residential Street:** A minor street with both terminal points on the same street or origin that serves no more than fifty (50) single-family lots on one (1) street.
- G. **Residential Access Streets or Local Streets:** A street with the sole purpose of providing frontage for service and access to private lots. These streets carry only traffic having either destination or origin on the street itself. The elimination of through traffic and the geometric design of the street are means to promote safety and to create a desirable residential neighborhood.
- H. **Rural Residential Street:** A minor street that serves a rural residential subdivision that does not require curb and gutter, but may require a concrete edging strip.

**Structure:** A walled and roofed building including a gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground.

**Subdivider:** An individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association, syndication, trust, or other legal entity having sufficient proprietary rights in the property to represent the owner, that submits the required subdivision application and initiates proceeding for the subdivision of land in accordance with applicable regulations.

**Subdivision:** The division of any lot, tract, or parcel of land into three (3) or more parts, for the purposes of transfer of ownership or development and the dedication of a public street and the addition to, or creation of a cemetery.

**Substantial Damage:** Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50%) percent of its market value before the damage occurred.

**Substantial Improvement:** Occurs when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. Any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50%) percent of the market value of the structure either:

- A. Before the improvement or repair is started, or
- B. If the structure has been damaged and is being restored before the damage occurred.

The term does not, however, include either:

- A. Any project for improvement of a structure to comply with existing state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure

- saving living conditions, or
- B. Any alteration of a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places or a State Inventory of Historic Places.

**Surveyor:** Any person who is registered and certified in the State of Idaho to engage in the practice of land surveying.

## AFTER AMENDMENT

### SIGN-T

**Single-family Dwelling:** ([see Dwelling, Single-family](#))

**Skybridge:** An enclosed, elevated bridge extending from building face to building face that spans a public street, public alley, or is located within private property and provides an uninhibited pedestrian walkway.

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**SECTION 2:** **ADOPTION** “3.9 SKYBRIDGES” of the Rexburg Development Code is hereby *added* as follows:

BEFORE ADOPTION

3.9 SKYBRIDGES (Non-existent)

AFTER ADOPTION

3.9 SKYBRIDGES(*Added*)

**SECTION 3:** **ADOPTION** “3.09.010 Purpose” of the Rexburg Development Code is hereby *added* as follows:

BEFORE ADOPTION

3.09.010 Purpose (Non-existent)

AFTER ADOPTION

3.09.010 Purpose(*Added*)

To establish appropriate locations for skybridges, maintain pedestrian safety, and ensure the design of skybridges contributes to the built and natural environment.

**SECTION 4:** **ADOPTION** “3.09.020 Skybridge Standards For All Zones” of the Rexburg Development Code is hereby *added* as follows:

BEFORE ADOPTION

3.09.020 Skybridge Standards For All Zones (Non-existent)

AFTER ADOPTION

3.09.020 Skybridge Standards For All Zones(*Added*)

Skybridges are subject to administrative review and require an approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Air Easement Agreement.

All skybridges shall:

- A. Comply with the following standards and all other applicable regulations for the zone.
- B. Comply with all Building Codes and Engineering Standards adopted by the City of Rexburg.
- C. Be maintained and kept in good condition. The maintenance of heating, cooling, lighting, cleaning, repair, replacement, etc. are the responsibility of the building owner(s).
- D. Be kept free of obstructions.

**SECTION 5:            ADOPTION “3.09.030 Skybridge Location And Construction Standards” of the Rexburg Development Code is hereby *added* as follows:**

**BEFORE ADOPTION**

3.09.030 Skybridge Location And Construction Standards (Non-existent)

**AFTER ADOPTION**

3.09.030 Skybridge Location And Construction Standards(*Added*)

- A. The location for any skybridge must be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Director or designee prior to its construction.
- B. All skybridges shall:
  - 1. Be fully enclosed.
  - 2. Be constructed with approved systems for the discharge of all roof drainage.
  - 3. Maintain a minimum clearance of sixteen (16’) feet six (6”) inches between the bottom of the skybridge and the public street or alley.
  - 4. Have a minimum interior width of eight (8’) feet but not exceeding fourteen (14’) feet.
  - 5. Meet a minimum required fenestration of twenty (20%) percent.
  - 6. Be constructed with exterior glass that is anti-glare and impact resistant. All exterior glass in the skywalk structure shall be not less than one-quarter inch thickness tempered glass set in metal frames. The use of double-paned insulated glazing and of metal frames with thermal breaks is encouraged.
  - 7. Not contain a glass floor.

**SECTION 6:            ADOPTION “3.09.040 Skybridge Permitted Uses” of the Rexburg Development Code is hereby *added* as follows:**

BEFORE ADOPTION

3.09.040 Skybridge Permitted Uses (Non-existent)

AFTER ADOPTION

3.09.040 Skybridge Permitted Uses(*Added*)

A. Skybridges are to be used as an unobstructed pedestrian way only.

1. **Prohibited Uses.** Commercial, Vending, Retail, or Residential uses within skybridges are prohibited.

**SECTION 7:** **ADOPTION** “3.09.050 Skybridge Signs” of the Rexburg Development Code is hereby *added* as follows:

BEFORE ADOPTION

3.09.050 Skybridge Signs (Non-existent)

AFTER ADOPTION

3.09.050 Skybridge Signs(*Added*)

Only directional signs relevant to pedestrian ways are allowed on or within skybridges.

**SECTION 8:** **ADOPTION** “3.09.060 Public Skybridges” of the Rexburg Development Code is hereby *added* as follows:

BEFORE ADOPTION

3.09.060 Public Skybridges (Non-existent)

AFTER ADOPTION

3.09.060 Public Skybridges(*Added*)

Public skybridges shall provide at a minimum one (1) access point to the street and include a vertical access facility.

**SECTION 9:**        **EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance (25-00978) shall be in full force and effect from November 18, 2025 and after the required approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF REXBURG COUNCIL NOVEMBER 18, 2025.

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Councilmember Colin Erickson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Mikel Walker	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Bryanna Johnson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Eric Erickson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember David Reeser	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Councilmember Bill Riggins	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Presiding Officer

Attest

*Jerry L Merrill*

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Jerry L Merrill, Rexburg Mayor, City of Rexburg

*Deborah Lovejoy*

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Deborah Lovejoy, Rexburg City Clerk, City of Rexburg

