



City of Austin
Building Department
507-437-9950
500 4th Ave NE
Austin, MN 55912

EGRESS WINDOW

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: A building permit is required for any existing building or structure. This permit may be applied for at the Austin Building Codes Division located on the 2nd floor of the Austin Municipal Building at 500 4th Ave NE

The necessary building code requirements are included in this handout for your review and to help you with your egress window installation project.

NOTE: The receipt you receive upon payment from the City Clerk's office for the building permit application is NOT your permit or approval to proceed with your building or remodeling project. Permit application must be made 7 – 10 days before your project is scheduled to begin. No work shall be started without prior approval by the Building Official, or until you receive your permit in the mail.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS: Please contact the Austin Building Department at 437-9950 to schedule inspections. Prior notice of four hours is encouraged to ensure an appointment.

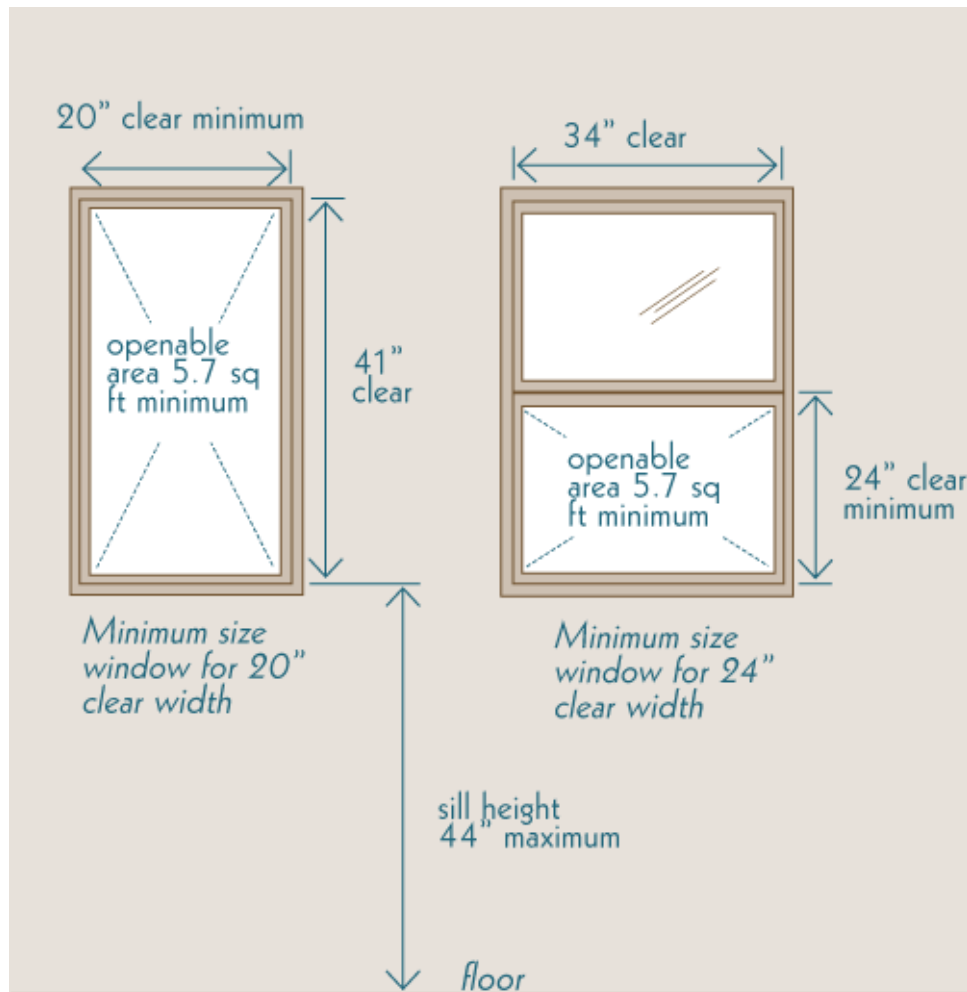
The Building Department encourages the builder to contact us for further clarification on any questions encountered during the construction of their project.

Section R310 Replacement Windows

IRC Section R310.1.5 is amended to read as follows:

R310.1.5. Replacement windows. Replacement windows installed in buildings meeting the scope of the International Residential Code shall be exempt from the requirements of Sections R310.1, R310.1.2, and R310.1.3 if the replacement window meets the following conditions:

1. The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing window frame or existing rough opening. The replacement window shall be permitted to be of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for a greater window opening area than the existing window.
2. The rooms or areas are not used for any Minnesota state licensed purpose requiring an egress window; and
3. The window is not required to be replaced pursuant to a locally adopted rental housing or rental licensing code.



The minimum net clear opening width shall be 20 inches.

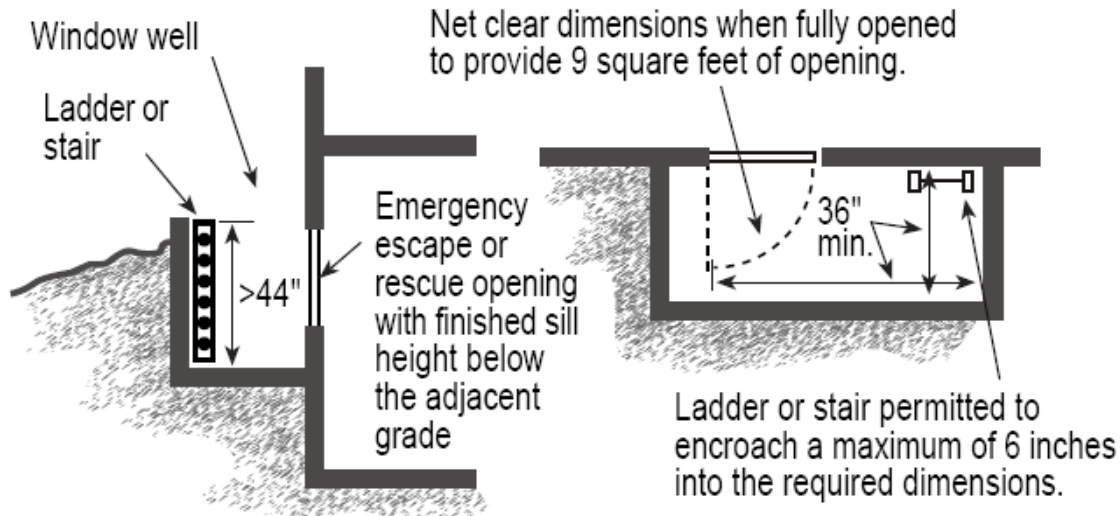
The minimum net clear opening height shall be 24 inches.

All emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet.

Exception: Grade floor openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5 square feet. Grade floor opening is a window or other opening located such that the sill height of the opening is not more than 44 inches above or below the finished ground level adjacent to the opening.

IRC R310.1.1

When openings are provided as means of escape and rescue, they shall not have a sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor. IRC R310.1



Window wells with a vertical depth greater than 44 inches below the adjacent ground level shall be equipped with a permanently affixed ladder or steps usable with the window in the fully opened position.

The ladder or stairs...shall be permitted to encroach a maximum of 6 inches.
IRC R310.2

Window wells required for emergency escape and rescue shall have horizontal dimensions that allow the door or window to be fully opened. The horizontal dimensions of the window well shall provide a minimum net clear area of 9 square feet with minimum horizontal projection and width of 36 inches.

Ladders or rungs shall have an inside width of at least 12 inches, shall project at least 3 inches from the walls and shall be spaced not more than 18 inches on center vertically for the full height of the window well.

Emergency escape windows under decks and porches.

“Emergency escape windows are allowed to be installed under decks and porches provided the location of the deck allows the window to be fully operated and provides a path not less than 36 inches in height to a yard or court.”

