BIRD FRIENDLY MATERIALS
LOCAL LAW 15/2020 CRITERIA & REQUIREMENTS*

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/10/2021

New Construction and Existing Buildings

Project scope includes:
1) New construction
2) Alteration that includes replacement of exterior glazing

YES

Project is filed on or after 1/10/2021

YES

Project is filed before 1/10/2021

NO

LL15/20 ineligible

CRITERIA FOR LL15/20

The following areas shall be constructed with Bird Friendly Material(s)**:
- Exterior wall envelope and associated openings up to 75' above grade.
  Different materials shall not exceed an aggregate of 10 SF within any 10' x 10' area of exterior wall below 75' above grade.
- Bird hazard installations***
- Exterior envelope and associated openings installed adjacent to a green roof up to 12' above the walking surface
- Fly-through conditions**** located 75' or less above grade

NO

YES

CRITERIA INELIGIBLE FOR LL15/20

1) Ground floor transparency is required by the Zoning Resolution, OR
(2) Project is located in a special flood hazard area or Shaded X-Zone where flood resistant glazing is proposed and ground floor transparency is required by the Zoning Resolution

*In accordance with the rules of the NYC Department of Buildings
**Bird Friendly Material: A material or assembly that has a maximum threat factor of 25.
***Bird Hazard Installations- Monolithic glazing installations that provide a clear line of sight on the exterior of buildings, including, but not limited to, glass awnings, glass handrails and guards, glass wind break panels, or glass acoustic barriers.
****Fly-Through Conditions- One or more panels of glass that provide a clear line of sight through such elements creating the illusion of a void leading to the other side, including parallel glass elements, at a distance of 17 feet or less, or a convergence of glass sides creating a perpendicular, acute or obtuse corner.