

Building Standards

- **Zoning:**You must confirm in advance that the planned location is in a permissible zone for hotel/ryokan businesses. The provided document lists which types of zones are permissible and which are not.
- **Flagpole-shaped Sites (roji-jo-shikichi):**Buildings on flagpole-shaped sites are, in principle, not allowed to be converted to ryokans.
- **Compliance with Building Standards:**If an existing building is not in compliance with building standards, illegal portions must be corrected before a change of use can be made.
- **Fire Safety:**If a change of use to a ryokan is planned for a building with three or more floors, it must, in principle, be a fire-resistant building. Even with an exception, vertical fire compartments and warning equipment must be installed.
- **Fire Alarm System:**An automatic fire alarm system is required; household fire alarms are not sufficient.
- **Ventilation:**If a fire is used, ventilation equipment must be installed.
- **Emergency Lighting:**Emergency lighting must be installed.
- **Legal Responsibility:**The building owner and/or business operator are responsible for any legal violations related to the building. If a violation is found, the city will issue a correction order.