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Miami Commissioners approved a plan last week that will see radical new design guidelines for upcoming stretches of the city's riverwalk and baywalk.

Commissioners voted last week to require Miami developers to build baywalks or riverwalks adhering to the strict new 'Waterfront Walkway Design Guidelines.'

The newly approved legislation was a priority of Miami's Downtown Development Authority.

Property owners who develop or redevelop waterfront property are already required to build and maintain a 25-foot public pedestrian promenade, and to also maintain a 50-foot setback. The pedestrian promenades are required to be open to the public from 6am to 10pm.

Those rules have been in place since 1979.

Now, developers will be required to build those promenades to meet a specific set of design guidelines.

After over 40 years since the waterfront promenade rules were first instituted, the Baywalk is now 88% complete and the Miami Riverwalk and Greenway are 65% complete.