Definitions of Office Space

Class A Office Space

Class A office space is typically high-end, contemporary office space with a minimum total square footage of over 100,000 square feet and large floor plates. This type of office space is attractive to companies who are interested in a corporate headquarters or "flagship" office. Class A office space can be defined generally as development being built after 1985, providing at least 2 stories, with steel frame or other higher-end construction. Class A development also provides an aesthetically pleasing "high image" architecture with extensive window lines. It is the goal of the City to encourage this type of business anchor to diversify and generate economic activity within Sunnyvale.

Class B Office Space

This is typically space that has not been custom designed for the current tenant. It often exists in office buildings that are being reused, in buildings that were not originally intended for office use (such as converted warehouses), or in buildings that were designed for another primary use, such as retail, with office as a secondary use. Class B office space is: generally built after 1980; one to two story; and has limited window lines. The City encourages the remodeling of this type of office space to R&D uses and Class A office space.

Class C Office Space

Class C office space is the general category that includes all other research and development, warehousing and office space buildings not included in the Class A and Class B definitions.