



Zoning Resolution

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23-13 - Balconies

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LAST AMENDED
7/19/1973

23-131 - Balconies in R1 through R5 Districts

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2/2/2011

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

In the districts indicated, balconies that are:

- (a) unenclosed except for a parapet not exceeding 3 feet, 8 inches in height, or a railing not less than 50 percent open and not exceeding 4 feet, 6 inches in height; and
- (b) located at or above the floor level of the second #story# provided that such balcony is not lower than seven feet above #curb level# or adjacent natural grade, whichever is higher;

may, as permitted in this Section, project into or over any required open area set forth in the following Sections:

- (1) #front yards#, as defined in Section [12-10](#) (DEFINITIONS);
- (2) #rear yards# or #rear yard equivalents#, as defined in Section [12-10](#);
- (3) #open space#, as defined in Section [12-10](#), excluding:
 - (i) #side yards#, as defined in Section [12-10](#);
 - (ii) required minimum dimensions of #courts#, as defined in Section [12-10](#); and as set forth in Section [23-80](#) (COURT REGULATIONS, MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN WINDOWS AND WALLS OR LOT LINES AND OPEN AREA REQUIRMENTS); and
 - (iii) required distances between #buildings#, as set forth in Section [23-71](#) (Minimum Distance Between Buildings on a Single Zoning lot).

If the depth of the #front yard# is greater than 12 feet, balconies may project six feet into such #front yard# provided that, in R1, R2 or R3 Districts, the aggregate width of such balconies does not exceed 50 percent of the width at that level of the plane surface of the #building# wall from which they project and, in R4 or R5 Districts, such aggregate width does not exceed 67 percent.

If the depth of the #front yard# is 12 feet or less, balconies may project to a distance equal to one-half the depth of such #front yard# provided the aggregate width of such balconies does not exceed 50 percent of the width at that level of the plane surface of the #building# wall from which they project.

Balconies may, by a distance not to exceed eight feet, project into a #rear yard# or other #open space# not specifically excluded in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Section. At the level of the second #story#, the aggregate width of such balconies is not limited but at the level of the third #story# or higher such aggregate width shall not exceed 50 percent of the width at that level of the plane surface of the #building# wall from which the balconies project.

In addition, balconies may be enclosed by #building# walls provided that at least 33 percent of the perimeter of such balcony is

unenclosed except for a parapet not exceeding 3 feet, 8 inches in height, or a railing not less than 50 percent open and not exceeding 4 feet, 6 inches in height. The portion of a balcony enclosed by #building# walls shall not exceed six feet in depth.

23-132 - Balconies in R6 through R10 Districts

LAST AMENDED

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R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In the districts indicated, balconies may project into or over any required open area within a #publicly accessible open area#, a #rear yard#, an #initial setback distance#, any open areas not occupied by towers, any required side or rear setbacks, or any required #open space#, provided that such balcony shall:

- (a) not project by a distance greater than seven feet as measured from the plane surface of the #building# wall from which it projects;
- (b) not project into the minimum required distance between #buildings# on the same #zoning lot#;
- (c) not cover more than 10 percent of the area designated as outdoor recreation space pursuant to Section [28-20](#) (RECREATION SPACE AND PLANTING AREAS);
- (d) be unenclosed except for a parapet not exceeding 3 feet, 8 inches in height or a railing not less than 50 percent open and not exceeding 4 feet, 6 inches in height. However, such balconies may be recessed into a #building# wall up to a maximum depth of six feet provided that at least 33 percent of the perimeter of such balcony is unenclosed except for a parapet or railing;
- (e) be located at or higher than the floor level of the third #story# of a #building# or at least 20 feet above #curb level#, except that for #buildings# containing #residences# not more than 32 feet in height, such balcony may be located at or higher than the floor level of the second #story# provided that such balcony is located not lower than seven feet above #curb level# or seven feet above natural grade, whichever is higher; and
- (f) have an aggregate width, at the level of any #story#, not exceeding 50 percent of the width at that level of the plane surface of the #building# wall from which it projects.