



Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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23-351 - Permitted obstructions in courts

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In the districts indicated, the obstructions permitted in Section [23-311](#) (Permitted obstructions in all yards, courts and open areas), as well as the following obstructions, shall be permitted within the minimum area and dimensions needed to satisfy the requirements for a #court#. For the purposes of applying such allowances to #courts#, all percentage calculations shall be applied to the area of the #court# instead of the #yard#:

(a) Fences;

(b) Fire escapes in #outer courts#;

Fire escapes in #outer court recesses# not more than five feet in depth;

Fire escapes in #inner courts# where such fire escapes are required as a result of alterations in #buildings# existing before December 15, 1961;

Fire escapes in #outer court recesses# more than five feet in depth where such fire escapes are required as a result of alterations in #buildings# existing before December 15, 1961;

(c) #Energy infrastructure equipment# and #accessory# mechanical equipment, subject to the requirements set forth in paragraph (g) of Section [23-312](#) (Additional permitted obstructions generally permitted in all yards);

(d) Recreational or drying yard equipment.

In addition, for #courts# at a level higher than the first #story#, decks, skylights, parapet walls, roof thickness, solar energy systems up to four feet high, vegetated roofs, and weirs, as set forth in Section [23-41](#) (Permitted Obstructions), inclusive, shall be permitted.