



Zoning Resolution

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99-052 - Recesses, balconies and dormers

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(a) Recesses

Recesses are permitted to provide #outer courts#, balconies or articulation of #street walls# at the intersection of two #street lines#. In addition, recesses may be required or prohibited due to the width of the #zoning lot# or the location of the #street wall# of an adjacent #building#. For the purposes of this Section, the provisions of Section [23-842](#) (Wide outer courts) shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the width of any such #court# shall be at least one and one-third times its depth. All recesses shall be provided in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) Above a height of 20 feet above #curb level#, or above the level of the second #story#, whichever is lower, up to 30 percent of the #street wall# of a base may be recessed from the #street line#. However, no recesses shall be permitted within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, unless such recesses are provided within an area bounded by the two #street lines# and a line connecting such #street lines# at points 15 feet from their intersection.
- (2) Where the #development# or #enlarged# portion of a #building# is adjacent to an existing #building# located on a #zoning lot# having frontage on the same #street line#, no recesses shall be provided in the #street wall# of the #development# or #enlargement# for a distance of 10 feet from the adjacent corner of the existing #building# to a height equal to the height of the existing #building#.
- (3) Except for a #zoning lot# with less than 50 feet of frontage, or a #zoning lot# with less than 100 feet of frontage and located entirely in a Historic District designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, recesses are required on the #street walls# of #buildings# facing Madison Avenue, in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (i) above a height of 20 feet above #curb level#, or above the level of the second #story#, whichever is lower, at least 25 percent of the length of the #street wall# of a base at the level of every #story# shall be recessed from the #street line# to a depth of at least five feet. Such recesses shall be unobstructed from their lowest level to the sky; and
 - (ii) above the base, the #street wall# shall be articulated with recesses that occupy at least 20 percent of the length of the #street wall# at the level of every #story# to a depth of at least five feet. Such recesses shall be unobstructed from their lowest level to the sky.

(b) Balconies

Balconies shall comply with the following provisions:

- (1) No balconies shall be permitted to extend beyond the #street wall# of the base built in accordance with the height and setback regulations of Section [99-051](#) (Location, height and setback of street wall), paragraph (a).
- (2) Balconies shall be permitted in recesses that are not required to be unobstructed from their lowest level to the sky.

(c) Dormers

For the purposes of this Section, a dormer shall be a vertical extension of the #street wall# of a base allowed as a

permitted obstruction within a required setback area. A dormer may be located anywhere on a #wide street#, and on a #narrow street# within 70 feet of its intersection with a #wide street#. However, a dormer shall not be located within 10 feet of a #side lot line# unless it fully abuts an adjoining #building#.

On any #street# frontage, the aggregate width of all dormers at the required setback level shall not exceed 60 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the highest #story# of the base. For each foot of height above the base, the aggregate width of all dormers at that height shall be decreased by one percent of the #street wall# width of the highest #story# of the base.