



## **Zoning Resolution**

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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# **14-11 - Locational Criteria for Enclosed Sidewalk Cafes**

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The regulations of this Section, governing clear path, clearance at intersection of #streets#, clearance from large obstructions and minimum distance between two cafes shall apply to all #enclosed sidewalk cafes#.

(a) Clear path

There shall be a minimum of 8 feet, 0 inches clear distance or 50 percent of the sidewalk width, whichever is greater, free of all obstructions, in order to allow adequate pedestrian movement.

The minimum distance shall be measured from the portion of the #enclosed sidewalk cafe# frontage that is nearest either the curb line or the nearest obstruction. In no event may recesses in the #enclosed sidewalk cafe# frontage be used to satisfy this unobstructed width requirement, except that the corners of the #enclosed sidewalk cafe# may be rounded or mitered. A clearance of 8 feet, 0 inches shall be maintained around the corners of #enclosed sidewalk cafes#, measured in radius.

For the purpose of the minimum clear path, but not the clearance from corners of #enclosed sidewalk cafes#, parking meters, traffic signs, and trees that have gratings flush to grade, without fences or guards, shall not count as obstructions

In the case of a #street# for which a mall plan or other special plan has been adopted, the clear path requirements pursuant to this Section shall be deemed satisfied if there is not less than an 8 feet, 0 inches clear path.

(b) Clearance at intersections of street line

There shall be a minimum of 9 feet, 0 inches clearance, free of all obstructions with no exception, measured from the outer edge of the #enclosed sidewalk cafe# to the curbside obstacle. The corner of the #enclosed sidewalk cafe# wall may be rounded or mitered. Such distance shall be measured from the outer edge of the #enclosed sidewalk cafe# to either the curb line or the nearest obstruction.

(c) Clearance from large obstructions

All #enclosed sidewalk cafes# shall be a minimum of 15 feet from large obstructions. For the purposes of this Section, large obstructions shall be bus stop shelters, newsstands, subway entrances or any other object greater than 15 square feet in area. The closed end of a subway entrance located along the #front lot line# may #abut# an #enclosed sidewalk cafe#.

(d) Minimum distance between enclosed sidewalk cafes

There shall be a minimum distance of 40 feet between the near end walls of two #enclosed sidewalk cafes# if an entrance to a ground floor #commercial use#, other than an entrance to the eating or drinking place associated with either #enclosed sidewalk cafe#, is located between them.

There shall be a minimum distance of 15 feet between the near end walls of two #enclosed sidewalk cafes# if an entrance to a ground floor non-#commercial use#, or a #use# located above or below the ground floor, other than an entrance to the eating or drinking place associated with either #enclosed sidewalk cafe#, is located between them.