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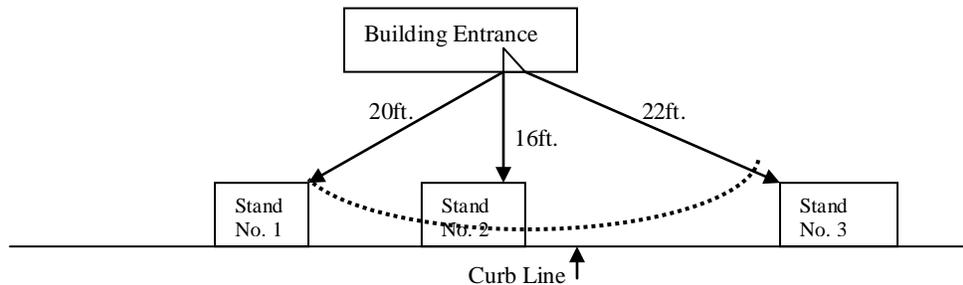
**Re: Proper Measurement of the 20-Foot Clearance Requirement  
Between General Vendor Stands and Entraceways**

Dear [REDACTED]

The Department of Consumer Affairs issues this letter in response to your email requesting clarification of the proper placement of a general vendor's stand in relation to entranceways to public buildings. You asked whether Illustration 5 of the newsstand regulations illustrates the manner of measuring the required twenty-foot distance between a general vendor's stand and a building entrance.

New York City Administrative Code ("Admin. Code") 20-465(d) states that "[n]o vending pushcart, stand or goods shall be located . . . within twenty feet from any entranceway to any building, store, theatre, movie house, sports arena or other place of public assembly, or within twenty feet from exits, including service exits, to buildings that are exclusively residential at the street level."

The rule requires a distance of twenty feet between the nearest point of the entranceway or exit, and the nearest point of the stand. As an example, see the illustration below, demonstrating stand placement on a sidewalk measuring 20 feet.



In the illustration above, any stand with a nearest point that is beyond a point of the arc with a twenty foot radius to the entranceway meets the requirements of



Admin. Code § 20-465(d). Thus, stands one and three would be allowed, but two would violate the Code.

Illustration 5, which you reference in your email, is meant to illustrate a clearance requirement for newsstands in 6 RCNY 2-65(a)(3)(A). It is not applicable to the rule requiring a twenty-foot clearance between general vendors' stands, pushcarts or goods and building entranceways.

Please contact us with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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