

UPCOMING CHANGE

2014 NYC Construction Codes: Sidewalk Shed Placement

Sidewalk sheds may not unreasonably obstruct buildings or public infrastructure and must be designed so that they do not overload the ground floor upon which they are supported.

Contractors and sidewalk shed designers are reminded that when a sidewalk shed is placed on top of a structure in the sidewalk or street (such as vent shafts, electrical vaults, building vaults and hatches):

- Any structure in the sidewalk that will be loaded by the sidewalk shed must be evaluated for its ability to sustain safely such loads. A “loads imposed” letter from the agency/utility with jurisdiction must be obtained and filed with the sidewalk shed application. If this is not obtained, the design must bridge over such structures.
- No access or exit hatches shall be blocked by a sidewalk shed.

See 2014 NYC Building Code §3307.6.4.9 and §3307.6.4.10 for more information.