

Newsstand Size and Clearance Requirements:

The law requires that a newsstand occupy no more than 72 square feet and not exceed 9 feet in height. This does not include newsstands in close proximity to subway entrances and exits for which special size limitations apply.

For the construction of new Cemusa newsstands there are nine (9) stand sizes available, including widths of 4, 5, and 6 feet and lengths of 8, 10, and 12 feet. You may apply for the largest stand which fits into your proposed site and complies with all applicable site criteria.

The following is a summary of the required minimum clearances from sidewalk obstructions, as inspected by the Department of Transportation, to use when drawing site plans. (For complete details, see the Rules of the City of New York §2-65.)

Access Plates	2'	Parking Meters	2'
Automated Public Toilets	15'	Property lines extended at intersection of two streets	10'
Building Vaults	2'	Service or Freight Entrances	10'
Bus Shelters	15'	Siamese Connections	10'
Cellar Doors	2'	Sidewalk Cafés	15'
Curbs	1'6"	Standpipes	10'
Curb Cuts	15'	Street Lights	3'
Elevator Lobby of a Building	15'	Street Signs	2'
Entrances to Houses of Worship	15'	Subway Entrances/Exits	15'
Fire Hydrants	10'	Telephones	2'
Governmental Buildings	15'	Traffic Signal Poles	3'
Information Kiosks	15'	Transformer Vaults	2'
Litter Baskets/Mailboxes	2'	Tree Pit	5'
Manholes	2'	The trunk of any tree (in any direction) or canopy	5'
Newsstands	15'	Ventilation or Other Grills	2'
All Other Retail Entrances and Building Entrances			5'

Newsstands may not be placed under fire escapes, in taxi stands or bus stops, and may not be placed within the frontage of any building having more than three floors of retail use.

Newsstands may not be located in areas where they interfere with the free passage of pedestrians. DOT will measure sidewalk congestion (or pedestrian level of service) to determine if a proposed location meets public safety standards.