

**Manhattan Community Board Six
Newsstand License Application and Procedures**

Section 1 – Introduction

As part of the newsstand license application process, the Community Board has sixty (60) days, upon receipt of notification from the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), to submit comments and/or recommendations on an application to DCA. The Community Board Six (CB6) Transportation Committee reviews newsstand license applications and submits its recommendation to its Full Board for a vote on its recommendation.

CB6 has historically supported newsstand operators and small business owners and entrepreneurship generally in its neighborhoods. CB6 believes that newsstands succeed in environments in which the community also wishes for them and benefits from their placement. As such, CB6 has a right and responsibility to review all newsstand applications carefully in the context of several factors which impact the quality of life of residents and business owners. CB6 requests that applicants for newsstands in its District take into consideration neighborhood standards before submitting an application.

Section 2 – CB6 Newsstand Policies

Newsstand applications to CB6 must conform with all criteria outlined in the Rules of New York City pertaining to newsstands in addition to the following minimum criteria which have been designated as priorities in this District:

- A. A newsstand shall not be installed on a block unless the sidewalk length is substantially free of obstructions;
- B. There shall be no more than one newsstand within three “between street” blocks – or 750 feet (instead of the 15 feet requirement in the regulations);
- C. There shall be no new newsstand within 500 feet of any preexisting business whose primary merchandise is the same as that which would be sold by the proposed newsstand;
- D. Newsstands shall not interfere with visibility or safe passage within pedestrian crosswalks or bicycle paths;
- E. A proposal to install a newsstand at a location or intersection where CB6 has previously issued an objection within the past four years shall automatically be objected to;
- F. The quality of life of residents in buildings adjacent to a proposed newsstand shall not be infringed upon and will be taken into high consideration;
- G. Preexisting buildings or structures deemed to have architectural or historic significance should not have their view obstructed by the placement of a newsstand;
- H. Owners of newsstands shall be responsible for the storage of any materials associated with their business and may not store those materials on the sidewalk.