

SECTION**17.0.0 Means of Exit****17.1.0 General Standards**

Except as specifically provided in this Building Code and in the Zoning Code of the Village, the requirements for exits and stairways of all buildings and structures shall be as set forth in Section 17 "Means of Egress" in the "National Building Code" of the American Insurance Association, successor to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 1967 edition, abbreviated, Engineering and Safety Department, 85 John Street, New York, New York, 10038, copies of which are on file with the Village Clerk.

17.2.0 Exits

All buildings shall be provided with sufficient and proper types of exits to insure safety to the occupants. Except for private dwellings, two means of exit shall be provided from each floor, including basement spaces used for any purpose. Separate means of exit shall be located as far from each other as the plan of the building will permit. Each means of exit shall lead directly to a street, a setback or a court opening to a street by means of an open passage. Fire escapes applied to the exterior of buildings will not be permitted as a means of exit.

17.3.0 Stairways

Every stairway above the first floor level shall be generally within the enclosing walls of such building; however, one or two sides may be exposed to open air. No winders in stairways will be permitted except in private dwellings. The following are minimum requirements for stairs within any single-family or multiple-family dwelling unit, and within any apartment unit:

Headroom: Continuous clear headroom measured vertically from edge of tread to ceiling or any other obstruction shall be six feet six inches (6' 6").

Width: Main Stairs - two feet nine inches (2' 9") clear of handrail. Basement Stairs - two feet six inches (2' 6") clear of handrail.

Treads: Width - nine inches (9") run, minimum, and ten and one-fourth inches (10 1/4") tread width.

Risers: Height - eight inches (8") maximum. All riser heights shall be the same in any one story.

Winders: Tread width at a point eighteen inches (18") from converging end shall be at least equal to tread width on straight stair run.

Landings: Width and run shall be at least equal to width of stair.

Handrail: A continuous handrail shall be installed on at least one side of each run of every stair.