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Subject: RE: Urgent and Quick (I promise) Question

Marty Sullivan,

I agree that the three foot setback, which is my Office's requirement that upper floor additions be setback from certain rooftop architectural elements, does not apply to cornices. You are aware of the 'three foot rule' that my office has administratively required for upper floor additions to be set back from specified protected rooftop architectural elements. However, this rule does not apply to cornices. Other rooftop architectural elements, including turrets, towers, mansard roofs, and dormers are subject to the three foot setback rule to preserve those element's architectural integrity. However, I have not applied this setback rule to cornices since the inception of the regulation, as cornices primarily reside on the building's façade. This is also explained in the **Tutorial Video** on DCRA's Website at <https://dcra.dc.gov/node/1466106>. In the video, it denotes the exemption of cornices from the three foot setback rule.

Please let me know if you have any further questions on this matter.

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