



Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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52-60 - DISCONTINUANCE

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12/15/1961

52-61 - General Provisions

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12/6/2023

If, for a continuous period of two years, either the #non-conforming# #use# of #land with minor improvements# is discontinued, or the active operation of substantially all the #non-conforming# #uses# in any #building or other structure# is discontinued, such land or #building or other structure# shall thereafter be used only for a conforming #use#. Intent to resume active operations shall not affect the foregoing.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply where such discontinuance of active operations is directly caused by war, strikes or other labor difficulties, a governmental program of materials rationing, or the construction of a duly authorized improvement project by a governmental body or a public utility company.

Except in Historic Districts as designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to vacant ground floor or #basement# stores in #buildings designed for residential use# located in R5, R6 or R7 Districts where the changed or reactivated #use# is listed in Use Group 6A, 6B or 6C excluding post offices, veterinary medicine for small animals, automobile supply stores, electrolysis studios and drive-in banks. In addition, the changed or reactivated #use# shall be subject to the provisions of Section [52-34](#) (Commercial Uses in Residence Districts).

52-62 - Buildings Containing Residences in M1-1D Through M1-5D Districts

LAST AMENDED
9/21/2011

In M1-1D, M1-2D, M1-3D, M1-4D and M1-5D Districts, vacant #floor area# in a #building# originally designed as #dwelling units# or #rooming units# may be occupied by a #residential use# provided that the requirements of either paragraph (a) or (b) are met.

- (a) #Residential uses# in such #buildings# may be reactivated as-of-right, provided:
- (1) the #floor area# has been continuously vacant for two years or more;
 - (2) the #street line# of the #zoning lot# upon which the discontinued #building# stands does not exceed 60 feet in length (or, in the case of a #corner lot#, the #lot area# does not exceed 6,800 square feet); and
 - (3) the #zoning lots# #abutting# on both #side lot lines# and fronting on the same #street# (or #streets#, if a #corner lot#) are occupied by #buildings designed for residential use# and contain no #manufacturing# #uses#.
- (b) #Residential uses# in such #buildings# may be reactivated by authorization of the City Planning Commission, provided:
- (1) the #floor area# has been continuously vacant for two years or more;

- (2) the #street line# of the #zoning lot# upon which the discontinued #building# stands does not form a continuous frontage with vacant land or #land with minor improvements# whose aggregate length exceeds 60 feet (or, in the case of a #corner lot#, the #lot area# does not exceed 6,800 square feet);
- (3) the #zoning lot# #abutting# on one #side lot line# and fronting on the same #street# is occupied by either:
 - (i) a #building# designed for residential use# or a #community facility# #building#; or
 - (ii) a #building# originally designed as #dwelling units# or #rooming units# for which an application to reactivate #residential use# in such #building# has been combined with the subject application;
- (4) 25 percent or more of the aggregate length of the #block# fronts on both sides of the #street# facing each other is occupied by #zoning lots# containing #community facility# #buildings# or #buildings# containing #residences#; and
- (5) the Commission finds that:
 - (i) reactivating the #residential use# will not adversely affect #manufacturing# or #commercial# #uses# in the district; and
 - (ii) such #residential use# will not be exposed to excessive noise, smoke, dust, noxious odor, or other adverse impacts from #manufacturing# or #commercial# #uses#.

In granting such authorization, the Commission may prescribe additional conditions and safeguards as the Commission deems necessary.

The number of #dwelling units# permitted in such reactivated #building# containing #residences# shall not exceed the greater of the number of lawful #dwelling units# last recorded by the Department of Buildings, or one #dwelling unit# for every 675 square feet of total net #residential# #floor area# as defined in Section [28-02](#) (Definitions).

No #dwelling unit# shall be permitted on or below a #story# occupied by a #commercial# or #manufacturing# #use#.

#Residential uses# in M1-D Districts may #enlarge# pursuant to the regulations of Sections [52-46](#) (Conforming and Non-conforming Residential Uses in M1-1D Through M1-5D Districts) or [42-47](#) (Residential Uses in M1-1D Through M1-5D Districts) as applicable.