



Zoning Resolution

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73-20 - ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PERMIT USES

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73-201 - Theaters in C1 Districts

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In C1 Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit theaters with a capacity of not more than 500 persons in a new or existing #building#. In C1-5, C1-6, C1-7, C1-8 and C1-9 Districts, motion picture theaters shall have a minimum of four square feet of waiting area within the #zoning lot# for each seat. The required waiting space shall be either in an enclosed lobby or open area that is covered or protected during inclement weather and shall not include space occupied by stairs or space within 10 feet of a refreshment stand or of an entrance to a public toilet. The Board shall not apply these requirements to any additional motion picture theater created by the subdivision of an existing motion picture theater.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of nearby residential areas.

73-202 - Theaters in M1-5B Districts

LAST AMENDED
5/12/2021

In M1-5B Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit theaters for a term not to exceed five years, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that such #use# will not impair the character or the future use or development of the surrounding residential or mixed use neighborhoods;
- (b) that such #use# will not cause undue congestion in local #streets#; and
- (c) that such #use# provides a waiting area of adequate size to prevent obstruction of #street# areas and other #uses# within the same or other #building#.

The Board shall prescribe appropriate controls to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, including, but not limited to, location of entrances and operable windows; provision of sound-lock vestibules; specification of acoustical insulation; maximum size of establishment; number, kinds of amplification of musical instruments or voices; shielding of flood lights; adequate screening; curb cuts, or parking.

73-21 - Automotive Service Stations

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

73-211 - Location in C2, C4, C6 or C7 Districts

LAST AMENDED
4/8/1998

In any C2, C4, C6 or C7 District whose longer dimension is 375 feet or more (exclusive of land in #streets#), the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit #automotive service stations#, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that the site for such #use# has a minimum area of 7,500 square feet; and
- (b) that the site for any such #use# which is not located on an arterial highway or a major #street# has a maximum area of 15,000 square feet.

The Board shall prescribe the following conditions:

- (1) that any facilities for lubrication, minor repairs or washing are located within a #completely enclosed# #building#;
- (2) that the site is so designed as to provide reservoir space for five waiting automobiles within the #zoning lot# in addition to spaces available within an enclosed lubritorium or at the pumps;
- (3) that entrances and exits are so planned that, at maximum expected operation, vehicular movement into or from the #automotive service station# will cause a minimum of obstruction on #streets# or sidewalks;
- (4) that, along any #rear lot line# or #side lot line# adjoining a #Residence District#, the #zoning lot# is screened, as the Board may prescribe, by either of the following methods:
 - (i) a strip at least four feet wide, densely planted with shrubs or trees at least four feet high at the time of planting and which are of a type which may be expected to form a year-round dense screen at least six feet high within three years; or
 - (ii) a wall or barrier or uniformly painted fence of fire-resistant material at least six feet high, but not more than eight feet above finished grade. Such wall, barrier, or fence may be opaque or perforated, provided that not more than 50 percent of its face is open; and
- (5) that #signs#, other than #advertising signs#, shall be subject to the applicable district #sign# regulations, provided that:
 - (i) in C2 Districts, the provisions of Sections [32-642](#) (Non-illuminated signs) and [32-643](#) (Illuminated non-flashing signs) shall be modified to permit non-#illuminated# or #illuminated# non-#flashing signs# with a total #surface area# not exceeding 150 square feet on any #zoning lot#; and
 - (ii) the provisions set forth in Section [32-652](#) (Permitted projection in all other Commercial Districts) may be modified in accordance with the provisions of Section [73-212](#) (Projection of accessory signs).

The Board may prescribe additional appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, and to protect #residential zoning lots# which are adjoining or across the #street#.

73-212 - Projection of accessory signs

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

In C2, C4, C6 or C8 Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit not more than one #sign accessory# to an #automotive service station#, to project across a #street line# more than the amount permitted in Section [32-652](#) (Permitted projection in all other Commercial Districts), but in no case more than four feet, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) That projection in the amount permitted is required for adequate advance identification of such #automotive service station# to motorists on heavily traveled #streets# in the interests of traffic safety.

- (b) That such #sign# conforms to all other applicable district #sign# regulations, and its total #surface area# is not more than 30 square feet.

73-22 - Commercial Beaches

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

In C3 Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit #commercial# beaches for a term not to exceed five years, provided that the Department of Health has certified that the waters may be used for bathing purposes and do not violate safe and acceptable standards of water pollution, and provided further that the Board shall make the following findings:

- (a) that such #use# is so located as to minimize interference with the movement and navigation of ships or boats;
- (b) that no more than 20 percent of the shore line in any one mapped district is used for such #use#;
- (c) that no #accessory# stands for the sale of food or drink shall be located within 100 feet of a #Residence District# boundary, and that the total #floor area# of all such stands shall not exceed 200 square feet; and
- (d) that such #use# will not create such traffic congestion as to impair the residential character of the area. The Board shall refer the application to the Department of Traffic for a report as to whether the #use# will create such detrimental traffic congestion that it impairs such residential character.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, or requirements for the shielding of floodlights or adequate screening.

73-23 - Commercial Swimming Pools

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

In C3 Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit #commercial# swimming pools with a pool area of not more than 5,000 square feet for a term not to exceed five years, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that such #use# is so located as not to impair the essential character or the future use or development of the nearby residential neighborhood; and
- (b) that such pool is not located within 200 feet of the shore line.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, including requirements for shielding of floodlights or adequate screening.

73-24 - Eating or Drinking Places

LAST AMENDED

12/18/1980

73-241 - In C1-1, C1-2, C1-3, C1-4, C2-1, C2-2, C2-3, C2-4, C3, C5 or M1-5B Districts

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

In C1-1, C1-2, C1-3, C1-4, C2-1, C2-2, C2-3, C2-4, C3, C5 or M1-5B Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit eating or drinking establishments with entertainment but not dancing, with a capacity of 200 persons or less, for a term not to exceed 10 years, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that such #use# will not impair the character or the future use or development of the surrounding residential or mixed use neighborhood;
- (b) that such #use# will not cause undue congestion in local #streets#;
- (c) that in M1-5B Districts, eating and drinking places shall be limited to not more than 5,000 square feet of floor space;
- (d) that in C1-1, C1-2, C1-3, C1-4, C2-1, C2-2, C2-3, C2-4, C5 and M1-5B Districts, such #use# shall be subject to the enclosure provisions of Section [32-411](#); and
- (e) that the application is made jointly by the owner of such #building# and the operators of such eating or drinking establishment.

The Board may modify the regulations relating to #signs# in C3 Districts to permit a maximum total #surface area# of 50 square feet of non-#illuminated# or #illuminated# non-#flashing signs#, provided that any #illuminated sign# shall not be less than 150 feet from the boundary of any #Residence District#.

For eating and drinking establishments for which special permits have previously been granted, the term may exceed 10 years at the discretion of the Board.

The Board shall prescribe appropriate controls to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, including, but not limited to, location of entrances and operable windows, provision of sound-lock vestibules, specification of acoustical insulation, maximum size of establishment, kinds of amplification of musical instruments or voices, shielding of floodlights, adequate screening, curb cuts or parking.

73-242 - In C3 Districts

LAST AMENDED
5/12/2021

In C3 Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit eating or drinking establishments (including those which provide outdoor table service or musical entertainment but not dancing, with a capacity of 200 persons or less, and including those which provide music for which there is no cover charge and no specified showtime) for a term not to exceed five years, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that such #use# is so located as not to impair the essential character or the future use or development of the nearby residential neighborhood; and
- (b) that such #use# will generate a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #streets# in residential areas.

The Board may modify the regulations relating to #signs# in C3 Districts to permit a maximum total #surface area# of 50 square feet of non-#illuminated# or #illuminated# non-#flashing signs#, provided that any #illuminated sign# shall not be less than 150 feet from the boundary of any #Residence District#.

For eating and drinking establishments for which special permits have previously been granted, the term may exceed 10 years at the discretion of the Board.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding

area, including requirements for shielding of floodlights or adequate screening.

73-243 - In C1-1, C1-2 and C1-3 Districts

LAST AMENDED

2/8/1990

In C1-1, C1-2 and C1-3 Districts, (except in Special Purpose Districts) the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit eating or drinking places (including those which provide musical entertainment but not dancing, with a capacity of 200 persons or less, and those which provide outdoor table service) with #accessory# drive-through facilities for a term not to exceed five years, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) the drive-through facility contains reservoir space for not less than 10 automobiles;
- (b) the drive-through facility will cause minimal interference with traffic flow in the immediate vicinity;
- (c) the eating or drinking place with #accessory# drive-through facility fully complies with the #accessory# off-street parking regulations for the indicated zoning district, including provision of the required number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces for the indicated zoning district (for the purpose of this finding, the waiver provisions of Sections [36-231](#) and [36-232](#) shall be inapplicable);
- (d) the character of the commercially zoned #street# frontage within 500 feet of the subject premises reflects substantial orientation toward the motor vehicle, based upon the level of motor vehicle generation attributable to the existing #commercial uses# contained within such area and to the subject eating or drinking place (excluding the #accessory# drive-through facility portion);
- (e) the drive-through facility shall not have an undue adverse impact on #residences# within the immediate vicinity of the subject premises; and
- (f) there will be adequate buffering between the drive-through facility and adjacent #residential uses#.

The Board may prescribe additional appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

73-244 - In C2, C3, C4*, C6-4, M1-5B, M1-5M and M1-6M Districts, the Special Hudson Square District and the Special Tribeca Mixed Use District**

LAST AMENDED

3/20/2013

In C2, C3, C4*, C6-4**, M1-5B, M1-5M and M1-6M Districts, the Special Hudson Square District and the #Special Tribeca Mixed Use District#, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit eating or drinking establishments with entertainment and a capacity of more than 200 persons or establishments of any capacity with dancing, for a term not to exceed three years, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that a minimum of four square feet of waiting area within the #zoning lot# shall be provided for each person permitted under the occupant capacity as determined by the New York City Building Code. The required waiting area shall be in an enclosed lobby and shall not include space occupied by stairs, corridors or restrooms. A plan shall be provided to the Board to ensure that the operation of the establishment will not result in the gathering of crowds or the formation of lines on the #street#;

- (b) that the entrance to such #use# shall be a minimum of 100 feet from the nearest #Residence District# boundary;
- (c) that such #use# will not cause undue vehicular or pedestrian congestion in local #streets#;
- (d) that such #use# will not impair the character or the future use or development of the surrounding residential or mixed use neighborhoods;
- (e) that such #use# will not cause the sound level in any affected conforming #residential use#, #joint living-work quarters for artists# or #loft dwelling# to exceed the limits set forth in any applicable provision of the New York City Noise Control Code; and
- (f) that the application is made jointly by the owner of the #building# and the operators of such eating or drinking establishment.

The Board shall prescribe appropriate controls to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, including, but not limited to, location of entrances and operable windows, provision of sound-lock vestibules, specification of acoustical insulation, maximum size of establishment, kinds of amplification of musical instruments or voices, shielding of flood lights, adequate screening, curb cuts or parking.

Any violation of the terms of a special permit may be grounds for its revocation.

* In C4 Districts where such #use# is within 100 feet from a #Residence District# boundary

** In C6-4 Districts mapped within that portion of Community District 5, Manhattan, bounded by West 22nd Street, a line 100 feet west of Fifth Avenue, a line midway between West 16th Street and West 17th Street, and a line 100 feet east of Sixth Avenue

73-25 - Children's Amusement Parks

LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

In C8 or M1 Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit children's amusement parks with an area of at least 10,000 square feet but not more than 75,000 square feet, for a term not to exceed five years, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that such #use# is so located as not to impair the essential character or the future use or development of the surrounding area;
- (b) that the principal vehicular access for such #use# is not located on a local #street# or on an arterial highway;
- (c) that such #use# is not located within 400 feet of a #Residence District#;
- (d) that vehicular entrances and exits for such #use# are provided separately, and that no entrance is located less than 50 feet from any exit; and
- (e) that such #use# will not cause traffic congestion or other adverse effects which interfere with the appropriate use of land in the district or in any adjacent district, and that such #use# is so located as to minimize vehicular traffic to and through local #streets# in residential areas.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, or requirements for shielding of floodlights, adequate screening, or surfacing all access roads or driveways.

73-26 - Funeral Establishments

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

In C1 or C4 Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit funeral establishments provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that there are serious difficulties involved in locating within a district wherein such #use# is permitted as-of-right and from which it could serve the needs of its prospective clientele, which make it necessary to locate such #use# within a C1 or C4 District;
- (b) that the site for such #use# is so located as to cause minimum interruption of the continuity of the frontage devoted to retail shopping #uses#. In determining whether the #use# will cause only minimum interruption of such retail frontage, the Board may make a favorable finding on the ground that there exists a substantial number of other incompatible #uses# interrupting such frontage within 200 feet on either side of the proposed site (not including land in #streets#); and
- (c) that such #use# is so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #streets# in residential areas.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

73-27 - Newspaper Publishing

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

In C6 Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit newspaper publishing establishments provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that such #use# will not cause undue traffic congestion in local #streets#;
- (b) that such #use# is not located within 200 feet of a #Residence District#; and
- (c) that such #use# shall conform to all performance standards applicable in M1 Districts.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

73-28 - Utilization of Explosives in Manufacturing Processes

LAST AMENDED

12/15/1961

In all #Manufacturing Districts#, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit the utilization of Class IV explosives, as defined in Section [42-272](#) (Classifications), in manufacturing processes or other production and storage #accessory# thereto, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that such manufacture is carried on within #completely enclosed# #buildings or other structures# whose exterior walls are of incombustible materials;

- (b) that such #buildings or other structures# are protected throughout by an automatic fire extinguishing system which meets all requirements set forth in the Administrative Code of the City of New York; and
- (c) that such utilization and the storage #accessory# thereto complies with all additional applicable provisions of the Administrative Code and all rules and regulations of the Fire Department.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.