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125-30 - HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS

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The underlying height and setback regulations shall not apply, except as set forth in this Section. In lieu thereof, the height and setback regulations of this Section, inclusive, shall apply. All heights shall be measured from the #base plane#.

125-31 - Rooftop Regulations

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12/6/2023

The provisions of Section [33-42](#) (Permitted Obstructions) shall apply to all #buildings# within the #Special Southern Hunters Point District#, except that dormers may penetrate a maximum base height in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of Section [23-623](#) (Permitted obstructions in certain districts).

125-32 - Balconies

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Balconies shall not be permitted below a height of 70 feet. Above a height of 70 feet, balconies are permitted provided that at least 50 percent of the perimeter of the balcony is bounded by #building# walls, exclusive of parapet walls.

125-33 - Required Street Walls

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(a) #Street wall# location

All #street walls# of #buildings# shall be located on #street lines# of #zoning lots# as shown on Map 3 (Street Wall Location) in Appendix A of this Chapter. For the purposes of applying the height and setback regulations of this Section, wherever a #building# fronts upon any #public park#, or any sidewalk widening, #publicly accessible open area# or private street provided in accordance with the design requirements of Sections [125-41](#) through [125-46](#), inclusive, the boundary of such #public park#, sidewalk widening, #publicly accessible open area# or private street shall be considered to be a #wide street line#.

(b) Minimum base heights

All #street walls# shall extend up to at least a minimum base height of 50 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, except that a minimum base height of 40 feet shall be permitted in the locations specified on Map 4 (Minimum Base Heights of 40 Feet) in Appendix A of this Chapter.

(c) Maximum base heights

The maximum height of a #street wall# before setback shall be 70 feet, except in the locations specified on Map 5 (Maximum Base Heights Other Than 70 Feet) in Appendix A of this Chapter.

(d) Recesses

Recesses, not to exceed three feet in depth, shall be permitted on the ground floor where required to provide access to the #building#, and recesses, not to exceed five feet in depth, shall be permitted on the ground floor where required to provide access to utilities. Above the height of the second #story# or 30 feet above adjoining grade, whichever is greater, up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed beyond the #street line#.

(e) Required setbacks and maximum #building# heights

Setbacks are required for all portions of #buildings# that exceed the applicable maximum base height, except #schools#. All required setbacks shall be provided at a height not lower than the applicable minimum base height. A setback with a depth of at least 10 feet shall be provided from any #street wall# fronting on a #wide street#, and a setback with a depth of at least 15 feet shall be provided from any #street wall# fronting on a #narrow street#, except that the depth of such setbacks may include the depth of any permitted recesses in the #street wall#. For the purposes of this paragraph (c), the following shall be considered #wide streets#:

- (1) Second Street between 54th Avenue and Borden Avenue
- (2) 55th Avenue between Center Boulevard and Second Street
- (3) Center Boulevard between 50th Avenue and 57th Avenue.

Above the applicable maximum base height, the maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be 125 feet, except where towers are permitted, pursuant to Section [125-34](#).

125-34 - Towers

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Any portion of a #building# that exceeds a height of 125 feet shall comply with the following provisions:

(a) Tower location and maximum tower height

All towers shall be located entirely within a Tower Area as designated on Map 6 (Tower Areas), in Appendix A of this Chapter. The maximum height of such towers shall be as indicated for the specified location on Map 6. For #buildings# higher than 165 feet, the #stories# entirely within 40 feet of the highest roof level of the #building# shall have a #lot coverage# of at least 50 percent of the #story# immediately below such #stories#, and a maximum #lot coverage# of 80 percent of the #story# immediately below such #stories#. Such reduced #lot coverage# shall be achieved by one or more setbacks on each face of the tower, where at least one setback on each tower face has a depth of at least four feet, and a width that, individually or in the aggregate, is equal to at least 10 percent of the width of such respective tower face. For the purposes of this paragraph, each tower shall have four tower faces, with each face being the side of a rectangle within which the outermost walls of the highest #story# not subject to the reduced #lot coverage# provisions have been inscribed. The required setbacks shall be measured from the outermost walls of the #building# facing each tower face. Required setback areas may overlap.

(b) Orientation and maximum tower size

The outermost walls of each #story# located entirely above a height of 125 feet shall be inscribed within a rectangle. The maximum length of any side of such rectangle that is parallel or within 45 degrees of being parallel to Second Street or Center Boulevard, whichever is closest, shall be 95 feet. The maximum length of any other side of such rectangle shall be 170 feet. Each #story# of a tower located entirely above a height of 125 feet shall not exceed a gross area of 11,000 square feet.

However, on Parcel G in the East River Subdistrict, the maximum length of the side of such rectangle that is parallel or within 45 degrees of being parallel to Second Street shall not exceed 170 feet.

(c) Tower and base integration

Notwithstanding the setback provisions of paragraph (c) of Section [125-33](#), up to 50 percent of the #street wall# width of a tower may rise sheer from grade without setback.

125-35 - Authorization for Height and Setback Modifications

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Within the #Special Southern Hunters Point District#, for any #development# or #enlargement#, the City Planning Commission may modify the regulations set forth in Section [125-30](#), inclusive, provided the Commission finds that such modifications:

- (a) will result in a better distribution of #bulk# on the #zoning lot# and will not adversely affect access to light and air for surrounding public access areas, #streets# and properties;
- (b) are consistent with the goals of the Special District to provide flexibility of architectural design and encourage more attractive #building# forms; and
- (c) will result in a #development# or #enlargement# that enhances the streetscape and is compatible with development in the surrounding area.

The Commission may prescribe additional conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects of the #development# or #enlargement# on the character of the surrounding area.