



Zoning Resolution

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116-623 - Height and setback regulations

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The provisions of Section [62-341](#) (Developments on land and platforms) shall apply, except as modified in this Section.

(a) #Initial setback distance#

The provisions of paragraph (a)(2) of Section [62-341](#) shall be modified for #buildings# located on portions of a #zoning lot# where the distance between the edge of the stabilized shore and a landward #zoning# #lot line# is less than 150 feet. The depth of such #initial setback distance# from the boundary of a #shore public walkway# may be reduced to five feet, provided that at least 40 percent of the width of each #story# required to be set back above the minimum base height is set back no less than 10 feet from the boundary of the #shore public walkway#.

(b) Measurement of height

The provisions of paragraph (a)(3) of Section [62-341](#) shall apply, except for the purpose of this Section, #base plane# shall refer to an elevation of 16.8 feet above Richmond Datum.

(c) Permitted obstructions

The provisions of paragraphs (a)(4)(i) and (ii) of Section [62-341](#) shall not apply. Dormers and penthouse portions of a #building# shall not be considered permitted obstructions above a maximum base height.

(d) Maximum base height

The maximum base height provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of Section [62-341](#) shall apply, except a #building or other structure#, or a portion thereof, located within an #initial setback distance#, shall rise to a height of at least 25 feet or two #stories#, whichever is less, and may not exceed a maximum base height of 55 feet or five #stories#, whichever is less.

(e) Maximum #building# height and tower size

The maximum #residential# tower size provisions of paragraph (c)(4) of Section [62-341](#) shall not apply. For the purposes of this paragraph (e), any portion of a #building# that exceeds a height of 55 feet or five #stories#, whichever is less, shall be considered a tower. #Buildings# with tower portions fronting on Edgewater Street shall not exceed a height of 120 feet above the #base plane# or 12 #stories#, whichever is less. The height of any other #building# with tower portions shall not exceed a height of 110 feet above the #base plane#, or 11 #stories#, whichever is less. Each #story# within a tower portion of a #building# shall not exceed a gross area of 10,000 square feet up to a height of 90 feet or nine #stories#, whichever is less, and each #story# above a height of 90 feet or nine #stories#, whichever is less, shall not exceed a gross area of 8,100 square feet. All #stories# within the tower portions of #buildings# shall be bounded on all sides by open areas on the #zoning lot#. For #zoning lots# with three or more #buildings#, no more than two #buildings# shall contain towers.

(f) #Floor area# distribution

The provisions of paragraph (c)(3) of Section [62-341](#) shall not apply.

(g) #Street wall# articulation facing #shore public walkways#

The provisions of paragraph (c)(5) of Section [62-341](#) shall apply. In addition, for portions of #buildings# fronting on a #shore public walkway# with an #aggregate width of street wall# greater than 200 feet, such #street walls# shall provide a recess at least five feet deep and 55 feet wide, unobstructed from the lowest level of the #building# to the sky. In no event shall a #street wall# extend along a #shore public walkway# for a distance greater than 130 feet without providing such a recess. Furthermore, above the height of the second #story#, such #street walls# shall provide at least one additional recess with a minimum depth of five feet and a minimum width or, where applicable, an aggregate width, of at least 40 feet.

(h) Streetscape provisions

The streetscape provisions of paragraph (c)(6) of Section [62-341](#) shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) Lobbies

A #residential# lobby, extending along at least 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# shall be provided, but need not be wider than 35 feet. Transparent glazing materials shall occupy at least 40 percent of the surface area of the #street wall# of the lobby, measured between a height of two and 10 feet above the level of the adjoining grade.

A lobby to a #commercial# or #community facility use# shall have a minimum width of 20 feet. Transparent glazing materials shall occupy at least 50 percent of the surface area of the #street wall# of the lobby, measured between a height of two feet above the level of the adjoining grade and a height 12 feet above the level of the first finished floor.

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this paragraph (h)(1) and the construction standards of the Federal government or Appendix G of the New York City Building Code, the requirements of this paragraph shall not apply.

(2) Parking garage wall treatment

For any level within a #building# where #accessory# off-street parking is provided, such parking shall be screened from the #street line# or #waterfront public access area# with a #street wall# that is at least 50 percent opaque. Each one-foot square portion of such #street wall# shall comply individually with this requirement. Such required wall treatment may be interrupted by vehicular or pedestrian entrances. In addition to the wall treatment, the screening requirements of Section [62-655](#) (Planting and trees) shall apply.

For #buildings# with #street walls# that are more than 50 feet in width and located within 50 feet of a #waterfront public access area# or #street#, at least 70 percent of the width of such #street walls# shall contain #floor area# at the first #story# located completely above the #base plane#.