



Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Zohran K. Mamdani, Mayor

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Sideya Sherman, Chair

42-311 - Residential uses in M1-1D through M1-5D Districts

File generated by <https://zr.planning.nyc.gov> on 4/8/2026

42-311 - Residential uses in M1-1D through M1-5D Districts

LAST AMENDED

12/5/2024

In M1-1D, M1-2D, M1-3D, M1-4D and M1-5D Districts, residential uses shall be permitted on zoning lots that include existing residences and are not located in either a designated area shown on the maps in APPENDIX J (Designated Areas Within Manufacturing Districts) of this Resolution or within 100 feet of Third Avenue in Brooklyn. Such residential use shall be subject to the regulations of Sections [43-61](#) (Bulk Regulations for Residential Uses in M1-1D Through M1-5D Districts) and [44-022](#) (Applicability of regulations in M1-1D through M1-5D Districts)

For all other zoning lots, new residences or enlargements of existing residences may be permitted by authorization of the City Planning Commission provided the zoning lot existing on June 20, 1988, meets the criteria of paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this Section.

- (a) On zoning lots containing residential or community facility uses, new residences or enlargements of existing residences may be authorized, provided:
- (1) the zoning lot contains a building that has one or more stories of lawful residential or community facility uses and no more than one story of commercial or manufacturing uses therein;
 - (2) the zoning lot contains no other commercial or manufacturing uses; and
 - (3) 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 residential or community facility uses.
- (b) On vacant zoning lots, new residences may be authorized, provided:

- (1) the #zoning lot# has been vacant continuously since June 20, 1988, or has been vacant continuously for five years prior to the date of application for such authorization;
- (2) a #zoning lot# #abutting# on one #side lot line# and fronting on the same #street# is occupied by a #community facility building# or a #building# containing #residences#; and
- (3) either of the following conditions exist:

- (i) such vacant #zoning lot# and any contiguous vacant #zoning lots# and #land with minor improvements# fronting on the same #street# aggregate no more than 10,000 square feet of #lot area#, and 50 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 #residential# or #community facility# #uses#; or
- (ii) such vacant #zoning lot# and any contiguous vacant #zoning lots# and #land with minor improvements# fronting on the same #street# aggregate no more than 5,000 square feet of #lot area#, and 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 #residential# or #community facility# #uses#.

(c) On #land with minor improvements#, new #residences# may be authorized provided such #land with minor improvements# otherwise meets all the criteria for vacant #zoning lots# listed in paragraph (b) of this Section, except that new #residential use# shall not be authorized on #land with minor improvements# that:

- (1) is used for parking, storage or processing in connection with a conforming, enclosed #commercial# or #manufacturing# #use# within the district; or

(2) has been so used within five years prior to the date of application, unless such land has not been so used since June 20, 1988.

(d) In determining eligibility for #residential use#, pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this Section, the following regulations shall be applicable:

(1) In order to determine whether a #corner lot# meets the criteria of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) above, the aggregate length of the #block# fronts occupied by #zoning lots# that contain #residential# or #community facility# #uses# may be measured along any #block# front upon which such #corner lot# has frontage.

(2) In determining the percent of the aggregate length of the #block# fronts occupied by #zoning lots# that contain #residential# or #community facility# #uses#, the length along the #block# front of every #zoning lot#, whether occupied or not, shall be measured and aggregated, and this total shall be divided by the aggregate length of the #block# fronts occupied by #zoning lots# containing lawful #residential# or #community facility# #uses#. Vacant #zoning lots# and #land with minor improvements# shall not be counted as #residential# or #community facility# frontage.

For the purpose of this Section, the length along the #block# front of any #zoning lot# occupied by a #building# that contains one or more #stories# of #residential# or #community facility# #use# and no more than one #story# of #commercial# or #manufacturing# #use# shall be considered as a frontage of #residential# or #community facility# #uses#, and the length along the #block# front of any #zoning lot# occupied by a #building# that contains one or more #stories# of #residential# or #community facility# #use# and more than one #story# of #commercial# or #manufacturing# #uses# shall be considered as a frontage of #commercial# or #manufacturing# #uses#.

- (3) New #residential use# shall not be authorized on any #floor area# that is vacant or that is occupied by a #commercial# or #manufacturing# #use#, except that in a #building designed for residential use# where at least 50 percent of the #floor area# is occupied by #residential use#, the #residential use# may be #extended#.
- (4) In any #building#, no #residential use# may be located on or below a #story# occupied by a #commercial# or #manufacturing# #use#.
- (5) For the purposes of this Section, a #through lot# fronting on no more than two #streets# shall be treated as if it consisted of two separate #zoning lots# with #abutting# #rear lot lines# at a line midway between the two #street lines# upon which such #through lot# fronts. In the case of a #through lot# that fronts on more than two #streets#, the #through lot# portion shall first be considered as if it were so divided, and then any remaining portion shall be considered as if it were a separate #zoning lot#. Notwithstanding, in no event shall contiguous portions of a #through lot# that front on the same #street# be treated as if they were separate #zoning lots#.

Each resulting portion of such #through lot# on each #street# frontage shall be considered separately to determine whether it meets the criteria for new #residences# set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this Section, and only on such portion may new #residences# or #enlargements# of existing #residences# be authorized. Only the #lot area# of such portion shall be calculated in determining the permitted amount of #floor area# to be authorized pursuant to this Section.

- (6) A #zoning lot# or contiguous #zoning lots# existing on June 20, 1988, that have been vacant continuously since June 20, 1988, or have been vacant continuously for five years prior to the date of application for such authorization, that are contiguous to and front on the same #street# as a vacant #zoning lot# or #land with minor improvements# that meets all the requirements of paragraph (b) or (c) of this Section, may be combined with such eligible #zoning lot# in its application to authorize

#residential use#. The aggregate #lot area# of all such contiguous vacant #zoning lots# or #land with minor improvements# shall be limited by the requirements of paragraph (b)(3).

(e) In authorizing such #residential uses#, the Commission shall find that:

- (1) the #residential uses# will not be exposed to excessive noise, smoke, dust, noxious odor, toxic materials, safety hazards or other adverse impacts from current or previous #commercial# or #manufacturing# #uses#;
- (2) there are no open #uses# listed under Sewage, Storm Water and Waste Infrastructure in Use Group IV(B) or Specialized Storage in Use Group IX(B) within 400 feet of the #zoning lot#;
- (3) the #residential uses# will not adversely affect #commercial# or #manufacturing# #uses# in the district; and
- (4) the authorization will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the #use# is located, nor impair the future #use# or #development# of #commercial# and #manufacturing# #zoning lots#.

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

#Residential uses# authorized pursuant to this Section shall be subject to the regulations of Sections [43-61](#) (Bulk Regulations for Residential Uses in M1-1D Through M1-5D Districts) and [44-022](#) (Applicability of regulations in M1-1D through M1-5D Districts).

Regulations governing other #residential uses# in M1-D Districts are set forth in Article V, Chapter 2 (Non-conforming Uses).

#Residential uses# in M1-D Districts may #enlarge# pursuant to the regulations of Section [52-46](#) (Conforming and Non-conforming Residential Uses in M1-1D through M1-5D Districts) or of this

Section.