Zoning Resolution

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25-631 - Location and width of curb cuts in certain districts

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All curb cuts on #zoning lots# with #buildings# containing #residences# shall comply with the provisions of this Section, except that, in #lower density growth management areas#, the provisions of Section 25-632 shall apply. The minimum width of a curb cut shall be eight feet, including splays. In addition, for #non-conforming# #buildings# in all districts, the provisions of Section 25-633 (Curb cut restrictions for certain buildings in R1 through R5 Districts) shall apply.

R2A

(a) In the district indicated, the maximum width of a curb cut shall be 18 feet, and the maximum width of a driveway within a #front yard# shall be 20 feet. All #zoning lots# shall maintain at least 18 feet of uninterrupted curb space along each #street# frontage.

R2X R3 R4 R5

(b) In the districts indicated, except R4B and R5B Districts, as well as for #qualifying residential sites# in R1 through R5 Districts, curb cuts shall comply with the following provisions:

(1) For #zoning lots# containing #residences# where not more than two #accessory# parking spaces are provided:

(i) for #zoning lots# with less than 50 feet of frontage along a #street#, only one curb cut, having a maximum width, including splays, of 10 feet, shall be permitted;

(ii) for #zoning lots# with at least 50 feet of frontage along a #street#, no more than two curb cuts shall be permitted along such #street# frontage. If one

curb cut is provided, such curb cut shall have a maximum width, including splays, of 18 feet. If two curb cuts are provided, the maximum width of each curb cut, including splays, shall be 10 feet, and a minimum distance of 30 feet of uninterrupted curb space shall be provided between such curb cuts;

(iii) wherever #accessory# parking spaces are provided in adjacent #side lot ribbons# on #zoning lots# subdivided after June 30, 1989, the curb cuts giving access to such #side lot ribbons# shall be contiguous (paired), so that only one curb cut, having a maximum width of 18 feet, including splays, shall serve both #side lot ribbons#; and

(iv) a minimum distance of 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space shall be maintained between all curb cuts constructed after June 30, 1989, provided that this requirement shall not apply to #zoning lots# existing both on June 30, 1989, and April 14, 2010, that are less than 40 feet wide and where at least 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space is maintained along the #street# in front of the #zoning lot#; or

(2) For #zoning lots# containing #residences# where more than two #accessory# parking spaces are provided:

(i) #zoning lots# with 35 feet or more of frontage along a #street# shall maintain a minimum distance of 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space along such #street#;

(ii) a minimum distance of 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space shall be maintained between all curb cuts constructed after June 30, 1989, provided that this requirement shall not apply to any #zoning lot# existing both on June 30, 1989 and April 14, 2010, that is less than 40 feet wide and where at least 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space is maintained in front of such #zoning lot# along the #street#;

(iii) all driveways shall be located at least 13 feet from any other driveway on the same or adjoining #zoning lots#. However, driveways may be paired with other driveways on the same or adjoining #zoning lots#, provided the aggregate width of such paired driveways, including any space between them, does not exceed 20 feet. Curb cuts accessing such paired driveway shall have a minimum width of 15 feet and a maximum width, including splays, of 18 feet; and

(iv) except for paired driveways as set forth in paragraph (b)(2)(iii) of this Section, the maximum width of a curb cut accessing less than 50 parking spaces shall be 12 feet, including splays, and the maximum width of a curb cut accessing more than 50 parking spaces shall be 22 feet, including splays. However, where Fire Department regulations set forth in the Administrative Code of the City of New York require curb cuts of greater width, such curb cuts may be increased to the minimum width acceptable to the Fire Department.

R4B R5B

(c) In the districts indicated, curb cuts are permitted only on #zoning lots# with at least 40 feet of #street# frontage and existing on the effective date of establishing such districts on the #zoning maps#. Any such #zoning lot# may be subdivided; however, curb cuts are permitted only for a resulting subdivided #zoning lot# that has at least 40 feet of #street# frontage. For #detached#, #semi-detached# and #zero lot line buildings#, the width and location of curb cuts shall be in accordance with paragraph (b)(1), inclusive, of this Section. For #attached# #buildings# and #building segments#, and for multiple dwellings in R5B Districts, at least 34 feet of uninterrupted curb space shall be maintained between all curb cuts constructed after June 30, 1989, provided that this requirement shall not apply to #zoning lots# existing on both June 30, 1989, and April 14, 2010, that are less than 76 feet wide and where at least 34 feet of uninterrupted curb space is maintained along the #street# in front of the #zoning lot#.

For #zoning lots# with less than 40 feet of #street# frontage and existing on the effective date of establishing such districts on the #zoning maps#, curb cuts shall be prohibited.

R6 R7 R8

(d) In the districts indicated, only one curb cut, having a maximum width of 12 feet, including splays, shall be permitted on any #street# frontage of a #zoning lot#. However, where a curb cut accesses a #group parking facility# with 50 or more spaces, the maximum width of a curb cut shall be 22 feet, including splays, or alternatively, two curb cuts shall be permitted to access such #group parking facility#, each with a maximum width of 12 feet, including splays, and spaced at least 60 feet apart. For #zoning lots# subdivided after April 14, 2010, curb cuts shall only be permitted along the #street# frontage of such subdivided #zoning lot# where at least 34 feet of uninterrupted curb space is maintained, and shall comply with the width and spacing requirements of this paragraph.

However, in R6B, R7B and R8B Districts, curb cuts shall be prohibited, except on #zoning lots# occupied by a #building# with a #street wall# at least 40 feet in width or, for #zoning lots# with multiple #building segments#, only where such curb cut is in front of a #building segment# with a #street wall# at least 40 feet in width. On such #zoning lots#, curb cuts shall be permitted only on the #street# frontage that is at least 40 feet wide.

R9 R10 R11 R12

(e) In the districts indicated, no curb cuts shall be permitted on any #wide street# frontage, and only one curb cut, having a maximum width of 22 feet, including splays, shall be permitted on any #narrow street# frontage.

(f) Modification of curb cut requirements:

R2X R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

(1) In the districts indicated, the location and width of curb cuts, as required by the provisions of this Section, may be modified if the Commissioner of Buildings certifies that the specified curb cut locations would require the removal of shade trees maintained by the City of New York. The Commissioner of Buildings may refer such matter to the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Transportation for reports, and may base the determination on such reports.

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

(2) In the districts indicated, the City Planning Commission may authorize modifications to the provisions of this Section, provided that the Commission finds that:

(i) the proposed modification does not adversely affect the character of the surrounding area; and

(ii) where more than one curb cut is provided, the curb cuts are arranged to foster retention of curbside parking spaces along the #street frontage# of the #zoning lot#.