



Zoning Resolution

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33-00 - APPLICABILITY, DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

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33-01 - Applicability of This Chapter

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12/5/2024

The #bulk# regulations of this Chapter apply to #commercial buildings#, #community facility buildings# or #buildings# used partly for #commercial# #use# and partly for #community facility# #use#, on any #zoning lot# or portion of a #zoning lot# located in any #Commercial District#, including all #developments# or #enlargements#. As used in this Chapter, the term "any #building#" shall therefore not include a #residential building# or a #mixed building#, the #bulk# regulations for which are set forth in Article III, Chapter 4, and Article III, Chapter 5, respectively. In addition, the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter, or of specified sections thereof, also apply in other provisions of this Resolution where they are incorporated by cross reference.

33-02 - Applicability in Special Situations

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The conversion of non-residential floor area to residences shall be subject to the provisions of Article I, Chapter 5 (Residential Conversions Within Existing Buildings), unless such conversions meet the requirements for residential developments of Article II (Residence District Regulations).

Existing buildings or other structures that are non-complying buildings or other structures or existing buildings where an enlargement, conversion, extension, change of use or other alternation would create a non-compliance with the applicable bulk regulations are subject to the regulations set forth in Article V, Chapter 4.

Special regulations applying in certain areas are set forth in Article VI, inclusive.

Special permits that may be granted by the Board of Standards and Appeals are set forth in Article VII, Chapter 3. Special permits and authorizations that may be granted by the City Planning Commission are set forth in Article VII, Chapters 4 and 5, respectively.

Special regulations applying to large-scale residential developments or large-scale community facility developments are set forth in Article VII, Chapters 8 or 9, respectively. Special regulations applying to large-scale general developments are set forth in Section [74-74](#).

Any development or enlargement that occurs on or over a railroad right-of-way, or the inclusion of a railroad right-of-way in the lot area of a zoning lot less than one and a half acres, and that is not accessory to such railroad right-of-way, shall be certified by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section [75-41](#). In addition, the development or enlargement of a building on a zoning lot greater than one and a half acres that includes a railroad right-of-way or former railroad right-of-way, where such building is not accessory to a railroad right-of-way, may be permitted by the Commission pursuant to [74-61](#).

Special regulations applying only in Special Purpose Districts are set forth in Articles VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII and XIV.

33-03 - Applicability of Article II, Chapter 3 Regulations

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For **commercial buildings**, **community facility buildings** or **buildings** used partly for **commercial use** and partly for **community facility use**, the following regulations shall apply with regard to the applicability of certain **bulk** regulations from Article II, Chapter 3.

(a) Height and setback

- (1) In **Commercial Districts** mapped within, or with a **residential equivalent** of an R6 through R12 District with a letter suffix, the height and setback regulations of Section [23-43](#) (Height and Setback Requirements in R6 Through R12 Districts), inclusive, shall be applied to all **buildings** in accordance with the applicable **Residence District** regulations, as modified by the provisions of Section [35-60](#) (MODIFICATION OF HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS), inclusive.
- (2) In all other **Commercial Districts**, the **residential** height and setback regulations may be applied as follows:
 - (i) The height and setback regulations of Section [23-42](#) (Height and Setback Requirements in R1 Through R5 Districts), inclusive, may be applied to **Commercial Districts** mapped within, or with a **residential equivalent** of an R1 through R5 District, in accordance with the applicable **Residence District** regulations, as modified by the provisions of Section [35-60](#), inclusive.

- (ii) The height and setback regulations of Section [23-43](#) (Height and Setback Requirements in R6 Through R12 Districts), inclusive, may be applied to #Commercial Districts# mapped within, or with a #residential equivalent# of an R6 through R12 District without a letter suffix, in accordance with the applicable #Residence District# regulations, as modified by the provisions of Section [35-60](#), inclusive.

(b) Other #bulk# regulations

Where the height and setback regulations of Article II, Chapter 3 are applied, the following #residential bulk# regulations may also be applied to the entire #building#:

- (1) the #rear yard#, #rear yard equivalent# and open area along #side lot line# requirements of Section [23-30](#), inclusive, applicable to a #multiple dwelling residence#; and
- (2) for #community facility# #uses# with sleeping accommodations:
 - (i) the special #floor area# allowances of Section [23-23](#) (Special Floor Area Provisions for Multiple Dwelling Residences), inclusive;
 - (ii) the #court# regulations of Section [23-35](#) (Court Regulations), inclusive; and
 - (iii) the distance between #buildings# and distance between #legally required windows# and #lot lines# regulations of Section [23-37](#) (Other Open Area Regulations).

Any obstructions permitted within a specific open area pursuant to Section [23-30](#) (YARDS, COURTS AND OTHER OPEN AREA REGULATIONS), inclusive, shall also be permitted.

Where a particular #bulk# regulation of Article II, Chapter 3 is applied, it shall supersede the applicable regulations of Article III, Chapter 3.

For the purposes of applying such #bulk# provisions, #uses# shall be considered #residential#, and the term #dwelling unit# shall include “dwelling units” and “rooming units”, as set forth in the Housing Maintenance Code.

33-04 - Street Tree Planting in Commercial Districts

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C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, all #developments#, or #enlargements# that increase the #floor area# on a #zoning lot# by 20 percent or more, shall provide #street# trees in accordance with Section [26-41](#) (Street Tree Planting).

In C8 Districts, the #street# frontage used to calculate the number of required trees may exclude the #street# frontage occupied by curb cuts serving:

From Use Group VI

Automotive repair and maintenance

#Automotive service stations#

Industrial drycleaning and laundry services

From Use Group IX

All #uses# listed under Use Group IX(A) and IX(C).

33-05 - Outdoor Table Service Areas

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Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Resolution, outdoor table service areas, associated with eating and drinking establishments, meeting all requirements set forth in legislation by the City Council and any subsequent rulemaking by an authorized agency shall be permitted within any required sidewalk widening areas.

33-06 - Special Provisions for C7 Districts Mapped Prior to June 6, 2024

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6/6/2024

For the purpose of applying the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter, C7 Districts mapped prior to June 6, 2024, shall be considered C7-1 Districts.