Zoning Resolution

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23-431 - Street wall location requirements

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In the districts indicated, the applicable #street wall# location provisions of this Section shall apply. Such provisions shall apply to the portion of a #street wall# located below the maximum base height and before the required setback as set forth in Section 23-432 (Height and setback requirements).

(a) Line-up rules

In R6B, R7B, and R8B Districts, the #street wall# of a #building# shall be located no closer to the #street line# than the closest #street wall#, or portion thereof, nor further from the #street line# than the furthest #street wall#, or portion thereof, of an existing adjacent #building# on the same or an adjoining #zoning lot# located on the same #street# frontage. Eligible adjacent #buildings# shall be located within 15 feet of the #street line#, within 25 feet of the subject #building#, and have a height that exceeds 35 feet. Where an existing adjacent #building# has multiple #street walls# located at varying depths from the #street line#, the subject #street wall# shall not be located closer to the #street line# than the furthest portion of such existing adjacent #street wall# that is at least five feet in width and extends to at least half the height of the #building#.

However, where, the #street wall# surrounding the subject #building# do not have a #prevailing street wall frontage#, the applicable #street wall# regulations of paragraph (b) may be applied.

(b) Percentage-based rules

For all #buildings# that are not subject to the provisions of paragraph (a), the following shall apply:

(1) Along #wide streets#, at least 70 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# shall be located within eight feet of the #street line# and extend to at least the minimum base height specified in Section 23-432, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. Up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed beyond eight feet of the #street line#, provided that any such recesses deeper than 10 feet along a #wide street# or 15 feet along a #narrow street# are located within an #outer court#.

(2) Along #narrow streets#, at least 70 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall# shall be located within 10 feet of the #street line# and extend to at least the minimum base height specified in Section 23-432, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. Up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed beyond 10 feet of the #street line#, provided that any such recesses deeper than 15 feet are located within an #outer court#.

However, where the #street walls# surrounding the subject #building# are located on a #block# with a #prevailing street wall frontage# that is located further from the #street line# than the applicable provisions of this paragraph, the line-up provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section may be applied.

(c) Modifications for large zoning lots

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, for #zoning lots# with a

#lot area# of at least 40,000 square feet or for #zoning lots# that occupy an entire #block#, at least 50 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# shall be located within 15 feet of the #street line# and extend to at least the minimum base height specified in Section 23-432, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less.

(d) Articulation allowances

In all districts, and along all frontages, #street wall# articulation, including, but not limited to, window recesses and structural expression on the #building# facade, shall be permitted to project or recess beyond the #street wall# locations established in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this Section, provided such articulation does not exceed a depth or projection of 12 inches. In addition, to accommodate other forms of #street wall# articulation, such as bay windows, and facade recesses, up to 50 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall#, at any level, may recess or project beyond such #street wall# location provisions of this Section, provided that no such recess or projection exceeds a depth of three feet, as measured perpendicular to the #street wall#, or portion thereof. No projection shall extend beyond the #street line#, except where encroachments into the public right-of-way are permitted by the New York City Administrative Code.