Zoning Resolution

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23-738 - Height limitations for narrow buildings or enlargements

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In the districts indicated, portions of #buildings# with #street walls# less than 45 feet in width shall not be permitted above the following heights:

(a) For #interior lots#, and for #through lots#, which shall be treated as two separate #interior lots# of equal depth for the purposes of determining the height limitations of this Section, a height equal to the width of the #street# on which such #street walls# front or 100 feet, whichever is less;

(b) For #corner lots# bounded by only #narrow streets#, a height equal to the width of the narrowest of such #streets# on which such #street walls# front;

(c) For #corner lots# bounded by at least one #wide street#, a height equal to the width of the widest #street# on which it fronts, or 100 feet, whichever is less;

(d) The heights permitted in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this Section may be exceeded if:

(1) on a #wide street#, such portion of a #building# with a #street wall# less than 45 feet in width #abuts# an existing #building# with a #street wall# that exceeds such permitted heights. Such new #street walls# may reach the height of such #abutting# #building# or, where there are two #abutting# #buildings# that exceed such heights, such new #street wall# may reach the height of the tallest of such #abutting# #buildings#; or

(2) on a #narrow street#, such #street walls# #abut# two existing #buildings# with #street walls# that both exceed the heights permitted. Such new #street walls# may reach the height of the lowest of such #abutting# #buildings#; and

(3) such new #street walls# shall be fully contiguous at every level with such #abutting# #street walls#.

(e) In addition, the following rules shall apply:

(1) The front height and setback regulations and any height limitations of the underlying district shall apply, except that the alternate front setback regulations of paragraph (b) of Section 23-736 and the tower regulations of Section 23-737 shall not apply. In the event of a conflict between the underlying regulations and the regulations of this Section, the more restrictive shall apply.

(2) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to #street walls# of permitted obstructions or #street walls# located beyond 100 feet of a #street line#.

(3) For the purposes of determining the width of a #street wall#:

(i) the width shall be the sum of the maximum widths of all #street walls# of a #building# at every level. The width of a #street wall# shall be the length of the #street line# from which, when viewed directly from above, lines perpendicular to the #street line# may be drawn to such #street wall#; and

(ii) #abutting# #buildings# on a single #zoning lot# may be considered a single #building#.

(4) For #buildings# with #street walls# less than 45 feet in width that front only on a #narrow street# and #abut# two existing #buildings#, the #street wall# of such #building# shall be no closer to the #street line# than the #street wall# of the #abutting building# that is closest to the #street line#.

(5) On a #through lot# containing #buildings# with #street walls# less than 45 feet in width, the alternative location provisions for #rear yard equivalents# set forth in Section 23-735 (Special yard, court and other area regulations) shall not apply.