Zoning Resolution

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22-412 - Use of railroad or transit air space

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(a) In all districts, as indicated, #railroad or transit air space# may be #developed# or used only for a permitted #use accessory# to the railroad or transit right-of-way or yard, a #use# permitted by the City Planning Commission as set forth in Section 74-681 (Development within or over a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard), or a railroad passenger station permitted by the City Planning Commission as set forth in Section 74-62 (Railroad Passenger Stations) unless the right-of-way or yard or portion thereof is no longer required for railroad or transit #use# as set forth in paragraph (b) of this Section.

If any #building or other structure# constructed in such #railroad or transit air space# in accordance with the provisions of Section 74-681 is #enlarged# or replaced by a new #building or other structure#, the provisions of this Section shall apply to such #enlargement# or replacement.

However, any #use# legally established in such #railroad or transit air space# in accordance with the provisions of Section 74-681 may be changed to another #use# listed in a permitted Use Group, and no additional special permit from the City Planning Commission shall be required for such change of #use#.

Any #building or other structure# within or over a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard, which #building or other structure# was completed prior to September 27, 1962, or constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 11-31 through 11-33, inclusive, prior to December 5, 1991, may be #enlarged# or replaced in accordance with the applicable district regulations without any requirement for a special permit from the City Planning Commission. Ownership of rights permitting the #enlargement# or replacement of such a #building or other structure# shall be deemed to be equivalent to ownership of a #zoning lot# or portion thereof, provided that such #enlargement# or replacement will be on one #block# and the rights are in single ownership and recorded prior to February 22, 1990. Such ownership of rights shall be deemed to include alternative arrangements specified in the #zoning lot# definition in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS).

#Enlargement# or replacement utilizing these ownership rights shall be deemed to be constructed upon the equivalent of a #zoning lot#.

(b) When the #use# of a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard or portion thereof has been permanently discontinued or terminated and a #large-scale residential development#, #large-scale community facility development# or #large-scale general development# requiring one or more special permits is proposed, no #use# or #development# of the property shall be allowed until the City Planning Commission has authorized the size and configuration of all #zoning lots# on such property. As a condition for such authorization, the Commission shall find that:

(1) the proposed #zoning lots#, indicated by a map describing the boundaries of and the total area of each lot, are not excessively large, elongated or irregular in shape and that no #development# on any #zoning lot# would result in the potential for an excessive concentration of #bulk# that would be incompatible with allowable #development# on adjoining property; and

(2) each resulting #zoning lot# has direct access to one or more #streets#.

No subsequent alteration in size or configuration of any #zoning lot# approved by the Commission shall be permitted unless authorized by the Commission. The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects of such #zoning lot# designation on the character of the surrounding area. Such conditions shall be set forth in a written Declaration of Restrictions covering all tracts of land or in separate written Declarations of Restrictions covering parts of such tracts of land and which in the aggregate cover the entire tract of land comprising the #zoning lot# and which is executed and recorded as specified in the definition of #zoning lot# in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS).

Prior to granting any #zoning lot# authorization relating to the above mentioned right-of-way or yard, the Commission shall request the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Departments of Transportation of the State of New York and the City of New York to indicate within 30 days whether said agencies have any plan to use such property or portion thereof for a railroad or transit #use#.