Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
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37-60 - PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE OPEN AREAS EXISTING PRIOR TO OCTOBER 17, 2007

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37-61 - Design Standards

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12/19/2019

Design standards for #plazas#, #residential plazas# and #urban plazas developed# prior to October 17, 2007, are located in APPENDIX E of this Resolution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the applicable provisions of APPENDIX E shall be superseded as follows:

(a) all #plazas#, #residential plazas# and #urban plazas# shall provide an information plaque that contains a public space symbol and required text that matches the dimensions and graphic standards provided in the Privately Owned Public Space Signage file from the Required Signage Symbols page on the Department of City Planning website. Such symbol and required text shall include the phrase "Open To Public" and shall be provided with a highly contrasting background, in a format that ensures legibility. Additional requirements and review procedures for privately owned public space signage systems are specified in Title 62, Chapter 11, of the Rules of the City of New York;

(b) the introduction of moveable tables and chairs pursuant to Section 37-626 (Moveable tables and chairs) shall be permitted within #plazas#, and shall not constitute a design change

pursuant to Section 37-625 (Design changes).

37-62 - Changes to Existing Publicly Accessible Open Areas

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37-621 - Elimination or reduction in size of non-bonused open area

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Any existing open area for which a #floor area# bonus has not been utilized that occupies the same #zoning lot# as an existing #plaza#, #residential plaza# or #urban plaza#, for which a #floor area# bonus has been utilized, may be reduced in size or eliminated only upon certification of the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission that all bonused amenities comply with the standards under which such #floor area# bonus was granted.

37-622 - Elimination or reduction in size of bonused open area

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No existing #plaza#, #residential plaza# or #urban plaza# shall be eliminated or reduced in size except by special permit of the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 74-761 (Elimination or reduction in size of bonused public amenities).

37-623 - Nighttime closings

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10/17/2007

The City Planning Commission may, upon application, authorize the closing during certain nighttime hours of an existing #plaza#, #residential plaza# or #urban plaza# for which a #floor area# bonus has been received, pursuant to Section 37-727 (Hours of access).

37-624 - Kiosks and open air cafes

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Kiosks and open air cafes may be placed within an existing #plaza#, #residential plaza# or #urban plaza# upon certification by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 37-73 (Kiosks and Open Air Cafes).

37-625 - Design changes

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6/21/2016

Except as otherwise provided in Sections 74-41 (Arenas, Auditoriums, Stadiums or Trade Expositions), 91-83 (Retail Uses Within Existing Arcades) and 91-841 (Authorization for retail uses within existing arcades), design changes to existing #plazas#, #residential plazas# or #urban plazas#

may be made only upon certification by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission that such changes would result in a #plaza#, #residential plaza# or #urban plaza# that is in greater accordance with the standards set forth in Section 37-70 (PUBLIC PLAZAS), inclusive. The provisions of Section 37-78 (Compliance), other than paragraph (e) (Special regulations for an urban plaza in the Special Lower Manhattan District), shall be made applicable to such #plaza#, #residential plaza# or #urban plaza#.

37-626 - Moveable tables and chairs

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12/19/2019

Publicly accessible tables and chairs shall be considered permitted obstructions within #plazas# that have not received a certification by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 37-625 (Design changes), provided that such obstructions comply with the provisions of this Section.

The following provisions shall apply to all tables and chairs permitted by this Section.

(a) General requirements

Tables and chairs provided pursuant to this Section may be used by the public without restriction. All furnishings shall be moveable and made of high quality and durable materials. Tables and chairs shall not be chained, fixed, or otherwise secured between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and may be stored or secured between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(b) Circulation requirements for tables and chairs

No furnishings, including storage of furnishings, shall be permitted within five feet of any #building# entrance, nor shall they be permitted within any required circulation paths. For #plazas# with a depth of 10 feet or less, as measured perpendicular from the #street line#, an unobstructed path of not less than three feet wide shall be provided, and for those with a depth greater than 10 feet, the width of such unobstructed path shall be increased to at least six feet.