Zoning Resolution

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37-80 - ARCADES

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The provisions of this Section shall apply to all #developments# an #enlargements# containing an #arcade# that qualifies for a #floor area# bonus pursuant to Sections 24-15, 33-14 or 43-14.

(a) General provisions

An #arcade# shall be #developed# as a continuous covered space extending along a #street line#, or #publicly accessible open area#. An #arcade# shall be open for its entire length to the #street line# or #publicly accessible open area#, except for #building# columns and tables and chairs provided pursuant to Section 37-81 (Moveable tables and Chairs). Such #arcade# shall be unobstructed to a height of not less than 12 feet, and either:

(1) have a depth not less than 10 feet nor more than 30 feet measured perpendicular to the #street line# or boundary of the #publicly accessible open area# on which it fronts, and extend for at least 50 feet, or the full length of the #street line# or boundary of the #publicly accessible open area# on which it fronts, whichever is the lesser distance; or

(2) on a #corner lot#, is bounded on two sides by the two intersecting #street lines#, and has an area of not less than 500 square feet and a minimum dimension of 10 feet.

(b) Permitted elevation

Such an #arcade# shall not at any point be above the level of the #street#, or #publicly accessible open area# that it adjoins, whichever is higher. Any portion of an #arcade# occupied by #building# columns shall be considered to be part of the area of the #arcade# for the purposes of computing a #floor area# bonus.

(c) Permitted parking, drop offs or loading berths

No off-street parking spaces, passenger drop offs, driveways or off-street loading berths are permitted anywhere within an #arcade# or within 10 feet of any bonusable portion thereof. By certification, the Commission may permit such activity in the immediate vicinity of an #arcade# provided such activity will not adversely affect the functioning of the #arcade#. In no event shall such vehicular areas be eligible for an #arcade# bonus.

(d) Hours of operation

#Arcades# shall be accessible to the public at all times.

(e) Signage

An information plaque shall be provided 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.

37-81 - Moveable Tables and Chairs

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Publicly accessible tables and chairs shall be considered permitted obstructions within an #arcade#, 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 #arcades# with a depth of 10 feet or less, 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. For the purpose of such calculation, the depth of an #arcade# shall be measured from the column face furthest from the #street line# or #publicly accessible open area# to the #building# wall fronting on such #street line# or #publicly accessible open area#.