



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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# **64-322 - Special floor area modifications for flood-resistant buildings**

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For all #flood-resistant buildings#, the definition of #floor area# may be modified in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Entryways

In all districts, for #buildings# other than #residential buildings# with enclosed entryways below the #first story above the flood elevation#, up to 100 square feet of such entryways may be excluded from the definition of #floor area# for each foot of difference between the #first story above the flood elevation# and the level of the adjoining sidewalk, provided such floor space complies with the #flood-resistant construction standards# for dry-flood-proofing up to the #flood-resistant construction elevation# or higher. However, no more than a maximum of 500 square feet may be excluded from the definition of #floor area# for each entryway.

Such exempted floor space shall be considered #floor area# for the purposes of satisfying other ground floor #use# regulations of this Resolution, including, but not limited to, limitations on #floor area# for certain #uses#, parking wrap and screening requirements, and requirements for #floor area# at the ground floor.

(b) Modifications to attic allowances for #residential buildings#

In R2X, R3, R4, R4A, and R4-1 Districts outside of #lower density growth management areas#, the provisions of paragraph (a) of Section [23-142](#) (Open space and floor area regulations in R1 and R2 Districts with a letter suffix and R3 through R5 Districts) shall be modified to allow the #floor area ratio# set forth in the table of such Section to be exceeded by 20 percent provided that any such increase in #floor area# is located in any portion of a #building# covered by a sloping roof that rises at least three and one-half inches in vertical distance for each foot of horizontal distance.

(c) Flood-proofed ground floors

(1) For #buildings# along #primary street frontages#, or portions thereof, as defined in Section [64-11](#), floor space located below the #first story above the flood elevation# and within 30 feet of the #street wall# along such #primary street frontage# may be excluded from the calculation of #floor area#, provided that:

- (i) such floor space complies with the #flood-resistant construction standards# for dry-flood-proofing up to the #flood-resistant construction elevation# or higher;
- (ii) the level of the finished floor of such floor space is located no more than two feet above nor two feet below #curb level#;
- (iii) such floor space shall be limited to non-#residential uses# other than #accessory# parking or #public parking garages# and subject to the minimum depth requirements set forth in Section [37-32](#) (Ground Floor Depth Requirements for Certain Uses);
- (iv) #ground floor level# #street walls# shall be glazed in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section [37-34](#) (Minimum Transparency Requirements); and
- (v) for #developments#, the level of the #first story above the flood elevation# is 13 feet or more above the level of the adjoining sidewalk.

However, such floor space shall be considered #floor area# for the purposes of satisfying other ground floor

#use# regulations of this Resolution, including, but not limited to, limitations on #floor area# for certain #uses#, parking wrap and screening requirements, and requirements for non-#residential# #floor area# at the ground floor.

(2) In all districts, floor space located below the #first story above the flood elevation# may be excluded from the calculation of #floor area# provided such floor space complies with the #flood-resistant construction standards# for wet-flood-proofing up to the #flood-resistant construction elevation# or higher.

(d) #Floor area# for existing #buildings#

For #zoning lots# containing #buildings# existing prior to May 12, 2021, as an alternative to the #floor area# regulations of this Chapter, the amount of #floor area# allocated to a #basement# or #cellar# in such existing #building# may be determined in accordance with how those terms were defined prior to May 12, 2021.