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(a) For a #large-scale general development#, the City Planning Commission may permit:

(1) distribution of total allowable #floor area#, #rooming units#, #dwelling units#, #lot coverage# and total required #open space# under the applicable district regulations within a #large-scale general development# without regard for #zoning lot# lines or district boundaries, subject to the following limitations:

(i) no distribution of #bulk# across the boundary of two districts shall be permitted for a #use# utilizing such #bulk# unless such #use# is permitted in both districts;

(ii) when a #large-scale general development# is located partially in a #Residence District# or in a C1, C2, C3 or C4-1 District and partially in other #Commercial# or #Manufacturing Districts#, no transfer of #commercial# #floor area# to a #Residence District# or to a C1, C2, C3 or C4-1 District from other districts shall be permitted, except that for a #large-scale general development# located partially or wholly within the former Seward Park Extension Urban Renewal Area, a transfer of #commercial# #floor area# from a C6 District to a C2 District may be permitted

(2) location of #buildings# without regard for the applicable #yard#, #court#, distance between #buildings#, or height and setback regulations;

(3) variation in the location of primary business entrances and #show windows# along frontages adjacent to #zoning lots# outside the #large-scale general development# without regard to regulations applicable near #Residence District# boundaries;

(4) the maximum #floor area ratio# permitted pursuant to Section 23-732 (Floor area ratio and open space ratio in R6 through R9 Districts) for the applicable district without regard for #height factor# or #open space ratio# requirements, provided that the #large-scale general development# is located partially in a C6-1, C6-2 or C6-3 District within the boundaries of Community Districts 2 or 7 in Manhattan or located within a C4-4 District within the boundaries of Queens Community District 7 and that a minimum of 50 percent of the required #open space# is provided within the #large-scale general development#. Required #open space# for the purposes of this paragraph (a)(4) shall be calculated by utilizing the smallest #open space ratio# at the maximum #floor area ratio#, pursuant to Section 23-732 for the applicable district;

(5) in a former Inclusionary Housing Designated Area as indicated in APPENDIX F in a C4-6 or C5 District:

(i) a portion of the #lot area# that contains a wholly #commercial building# to be excluded from the calculation of #floor area# for any other #buildings# on the remainder of the #zoning lot#; or

(ii) #community facility# #floor area# located above the ground floor to be excluded from the calculation of the amount of #affordable housing# required pursuant to Section 23-95, as such Section existed prior to December 5, 2024;

(6) modification of the requirements of Section 23-372 (Distance between legally required windows and lot lines) for #developments# or #enlargements#, where:

(i) the required minimum distance as set forth in Section 23-372 is provided between the #legally required window# in the #development# or #enlargement# and a wall or #lot line# on an #abutting# property; and

(ii) the required minimum distance is provided by a light and air easement acceptable to the Department of City Planning and recorded in the County Clerk's office in the county in which such tracts of land are located;

(7) modification of the definition of #outer court# in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS) and the provisions of Section 23-353 (Outer court regulations) to include any open area that is bounded on all sides but one by #building# walls and is not otherwise a #yard# or an #inner court#, provided that:

(i) such modifications are permitted only for #large-scale general developments#, previously approved by the Commission, in a C4-7 District within

the boundaries of Manhattan Community District 7; and

(ii) the minimum distance between a #legally required window# facing onto such #outer court# and a #building# wall shall be 30 feet, measured in a horizontal plane at the sill level of, and perpendicular to, such window for the full width of the rough window opening;

(8) in a former Inclusionary Housing Designated Area in a C4-7 District within the boundaries of Manhattan Community District 7, for the purpose of applying the Inclusionary Housing Program, as such program existed prior to December 5, 2024:

(i) modification of the base and maximum #floor area ratios# specified in Section 23-154 (Inclusionary Housing), not to exceed the maximum #floor area ratios# permitted by the underlying district, based on a proportionality between #affordable floor area#, as defined in Section 23-911, and #residential# #floor area# in #buildings# containing multiple #uses#; and

(ii) modification of the requirements regarding distribution of #affordable housing units#, as defined in Section 23-911, specified in paragraph (b) of Section 23-96 (Requirements for Generating Sites or MIH Sites);

(9) within the boundaries of Community District 3 in the Borough of the Bronx, portions of any #building#, at any level, that contain permitted or required #accessory# off-street parking spaces, to be excluded from the calculation of #lot

coverage#;

(10) for a #large-scale general development# located partially or wholly within the former Seward Park Extension Urban Renewal Area, waiver of the planting requirements of Section 23-613 (Front yard planting requirements), provided the area between the #street line# and the #street walls# of the #building# and their prolongations is to be improved as a publicly accessible widened sidewalk;

(11) wholly within a C1-9 District entirely within the boundaries of Community District 8 in Manhattan, for a predominantly #community facility# #development#, a #floor area# bonus not to exceed 20 percent of the maximum #floor area ratio# permitted by the underlying district regulations where, in connection with such #development#, an improvement to a #public park# located within the same Community District and within a one mile radius of the proposed #development# is provided in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(i) A request for such bonus #floor area# shall be accompanied by:

(a) a site plan for a #public park# improvement, transmitted by the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, sufficient in detail and scope with respect to the work necessary to complete such #public park# improvement, to enable the City Planning Commission to determine the appropriate amount of bonus #floor area# to be granted to the #development#; and

(b) a letter from the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation stating:

(a) the selection of the #public park# for the #public park# improvement has been informed by community input in the form of consultation or an existing plan;

(b) such #public park# improvement provides an appropriate amenity for the surrounding area; and

(c) that, absent funding to be provided by the applicant, such #public park# improvement is unlikely to be made in the foreseeable future.

(ii) Prior to a determination as to whether to grant the special permit, the City Planning Commission shall have received from the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation:

(a) any revisions to the site plan for the #public park# improvement or a statement that the site plan provided in the application is unchanged; and

(b) a letter that shall include:

(a) cost estimates for the #public park# improvement; and

(b) a statement that the funding to be provided by the applicant, in combination with any other available funding, is adequate for completion of the necessary infrastructure, landscape and other work necessary to complete the #public park# improvement;

(12) within the boundaries of Community District 1 in the Borough of Queens, in the area generally north of 30th Road and west of 8th Street, within the Hallets Point Peninsula, the #floor area# distribution from a #zoning lot# containing existing public housing #buildings#, provided that upon approval of a #large-scale general development# there exists unused #floor area# on a separate parcel of land with existing light industrial #buildings# in an amount equivalent to, or in excess of, the #floor area# approved for distribution and further provided:

(i) such parcel shall be made part of such #zoning lot# upon approval of such #large-scale general development#, pursuant to the definition of #zoning lot# in Section 12-10, paragraph (d); and

(ii) the existing light industrial #buildings# on the separate parcel of land are demolished;

(13) within the boundaries of Community District 1 in the Borough of Brooklyn, on a #waterfront zoning lot# located within a C6-2 District that is mapped within a #Mandatory Inclusionary Housing area#, portions of the land, #piers# or #platforms# projecting seaward of the bulkhead line and existing on December 15, 2021, may be replaced or reconstructed with #new piers# or #new platforms#, as follows:

(i) any such existing land projecting seaward of the bulkhead line may be replaced or reconstructed with #new platforms# and such #new platforms# may be included as part of the #upland lot#. In no event shall the #lot area# generated by such #new platforms# exceed the #lot area# of the land projecting seaward of the bulkhead line, as it existed on December 15, 2021;

(ii) any other such #new piers# or #new platforms# may be considered #lot area# for the purposes of determining allowable #floor area# or number of #dwelling units#, or to satisfy any other #bulk# regulations, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of Section 62-31 (Bulk Computations on Waterfront Zoning Lots). In no event shall the #floor area# generated by such #new piers# or #new platforms# exceed the #floor area# generated by #piers# or #platforms# projecting seaward of the bulkhead line, as they existed on December 15, 2021; and

(iii) any #new piers# or #new platforms# that are subject to the provisions of this paragraph (a)(13) need not meet the requirements of Sections 62-242 (Uses on new piers and platforms), 62-54 (Requirements for Public

Access on Piers) or 62-63 (Design Requirements for Public Access on Piers and Floating Structures), inclusive; or

(14) within the boundaries of Community District 1 in the Borough of Brooklyn, to apply the provisions of Section 23-23 to allow floor area exemptions in #buildings# existing on December 5, 2024 within the #large-scale general development# for use in one or more new #buildings# within the same #large-scale general development#.

(b) In order to grant a special permit pursuant to this Section for any #large-scale general development#, the Commission shall find that:

(1) the distribution of #floor area#, #open space#, #dwelling units#, #rooming units# and the location of #buildings#, primary business entrances and #show windows# will result in a better site plan and a better relationship among #buildings# and open areas to adjacent #streets#, surrounding development, adjacent open areas and shorelines than would be possible without such distribution and will thus benefit both the occupants of the #large-scale general development#, the neighborhood and the City as a whole;

(2) the distribution of #floor area# and location of #buildings# will not unduly increase the #bulk# of #buildings# in any one #block# or unduly obstruct access of light and air to the detriment of the occupants or users of #buildings# in the #block# or nearby #blocks# or of people using the public #streets#;

(3) where a #zoning lot# of a #large-scale general development# does not occupy a frontage on a mapped #street#, appropriate access to a mapped #street# is provided;

(4) considering the size of the proposed #large-scale general development#, the #streets# providing access to such #large-scale general development# will be adequate to handle traffic resulting therefrom;

(5) when the Commission has determined that the #large-scale general development# requires significant addition to existing public facilities serving the area, the applicant has submitted to the Commission a plan and timetable to provide such required additional facilities. Proposed facilities that are incorporated into the City's capital budget may be included as part of such plan and timetable;

(6) where the Commission permits the maximum #floor area ratio# in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(4) of this Section, the #open space# provided is of sufficient size to serve the residents of new or #enlarged# #buildings#. Such #open space# shall be accessible to and usable by all residents of such new or #enlarged# #buildings#, have appropriate access, circulation, seating, lighting and paving, and be substantially landscaped. Furthermore, the site plan of such #large-scale general development# shall include superior landscaping for #open space# of the new or #enlarged# #buildings#;

(7) where the Commission permits the exclusion of #lot area# or #floor area# in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(5) of this Section or modification of the base and maximum #floor area ratios# or requirements regarding distribution of #affordable housing units# in accordance with paragraph (a)(8) of this Section, such modification will facilitate a desirable mix of #uses# in the #large-scale general development# and a plan consistent with the objectives of the Inclusionary Housing Program, as such program existed prior to December 5, 2024, and those of Section 74-74 (Large-scale General Development) with respect to better site planning;

(8) where the Commission permits portions of #buildings# containing #accessory# parking spaces to be excluded from the calculation of #lot coverage# in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(9) of this Section, the exclusion of #lot coverage# will result in a better site plan and a better relationship among #buildings# and open areas than would be possible without such exclusion and therefore will benefit the residents of the #large-scale general development#;

(9) where the Commission permits a #floor area# bonus for a #public park# improvement in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(11) of this Section:

(i) the amount of such bonus #floor area# is appropriate in relation to the size and quality of the proposed #public park# improvement; and

(ii) such bonus #floor area# will not unduly increase the #bulk# of #buildings# on the #zoning lot# or unduly obstruct access of light and air to the detriment of the occupants or users of #buildings# on the #block# or nearby #blocks# or of people using the public #streets#.

Grant of a #floor area# bonus for a #public park# improvement in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(11) of this Section shall be conditioned upon adequate assurances for provision of the funding identified by the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation in a letter pursuant to paragraph (a)(11)(ii) of this Section as necessary for completion of the necessary infrastructure, landscape and other work for the #public park# improvement. The Commissioner of Buildings shall not issue a building permit for the #large-scale general development# unless the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation shall

have certified that the funding has been made or secured in a manner acceptable to such Commissioner;

(10) a declaration with regard to ownership requirements in paragraph (b) of the #large-scale general development# definition in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS) has been filed with the Commission;

(11) where the Commission permits #floor area# distribution from a #zoning lot# containing existing light industrial #buildings# to be demolished in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(12) of this Section, such #floor area# distribution shall contribute to better site planning of the #waterfront public access area# and shall facilitate the #development# of affordable housing units within a #large-scale general development#;

(12) where #new piers# or #new platforms# are constructed, replaced or reconstructed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(13) of this Section, such #new piers# and #new platforms# are an integral part of such #large-scale general development#, result in a superior site plan and form an appropriate relationship with adjacent #waterfront public access areas# and #shorelines#, and provide significant public access to or within the #seaward lot# portion of the #waterfront zoning lot#; and

(13) where the Commission permits floor space to be exempt from the definition of #floor area# in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a)(14) of this Section:

(i) such exemptions shall result in improvements to #residential# amenities accessible to all residents of the #large-scale general development#;

and

(ii) an amount of #floor area# equivalent to 20 percent of the amount of #residential# floor space exempted from #floor area# pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a)(14) shall be allocated to units affordable at levels required for #affordable housing units# for a #UAP site#, as those terms are defined in Section 27-111 (General definitions).

Within Manhattan Community District 2, within the former Washington Square Southeast Urban Renewal Area, where the Commission has approved a #large-scale general development# and a #lot line# of such #large-scale general development# coincides with the boundary of a mapped #public park#, such #lot line# shall be considered to be a #street line# of a #wide street# for the purposes of applying all #use# and #bulk# regulations of this Resolution.

In addition, within Manhattan Community District 2, where the Commission has approved a #large-scale general development# located partially within a C2-7 District, if any #open space# approved pursuant to paragraph (a)(4) of Section 74-743 is subsequently mapped as a park and transferred to City ownership, the #open space# requirement approved for such #large-scale general development# pursuant to paragraph (a)(4) of Section 74-743 shall be reduced by the area of such #public park#.

Within Community District 1 in the Borough of Queens, the Commission may prescribe additional conditions to ensure that the purpose of the Inclusionary Housing program as set forth in Section 23-92 (General Provisions) is achieved in a #large-scale general development#, as such program existed prior to December 5, 2024. The Commission may establish procedures resulting in limiting the amount of #affordable floor area# utilizing #public funding# that may count toward satisfying the #affordable floor area# required in paragraph (c)(2) of Section 23-154. Any such procedures established by the Commission shall be set forth in the restrictive declaration required in connection with the grant of a special permit for such #large-scale general development#.

For a phased construction program of a multi-#building# complex, the Commission may, at the time of granting a special permit, require additional information, including but not limited to a proposed time schedule for carrying out the proposed #large-scale general development#, a phasing plan showing the distribution of #bulk# and #open space# and, in the case of a site plan providing for common #open space#, common open areas or common parking areas, a maintenance plan for such space or areas and surety for continued availability of such space or areas to the people they are intended to serve.

The Commission may prescribe additional conditions and safeguards to improve the quality of the #large-scale general development# and to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.