



## **Zoning Resolution**

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
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# **84-132 - Mandatory front building walls**

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Except as set forth in paragraphs (g) and (i) of this Section, where Appendices 2.1 or 3.1 show a requirement for a #building# in Zone A to be built to a #mandatory front building wall line#, any such #building# shall have a mandatory front #building# wall coincident with and constructed along such #mandatory front building wall line#, which shall rise without setback for a height above #curb level#, as specified in this Section, except that, at #building# entrances, openings below the second #story# ceiling in the mandatory front #building# walls will be permitted to provide access to courtyards:

- (a) except as set forth in paragraph (d) of this Section, with respect to any 60–85 foot #mandatory front building wall line# shown in Appendix 2.1, a height of not less than 60 feet nor more than 85 feet;
- (b) with respect to any 110–135 foot #mandatory front building wall line# shown in Appendix 2.1, a height of not less than 110 feet nor more than 135 feet. However, a setback of not more than 10 feet may be provided at a height of 85 feet or more above #curb level# ;
- (c) on the portion of any #zoning lot# designated as a #special height location# in Appendix 2.2, a height of not less than the applicable amount set forth in paragraphs (a) or (b) of this Section and not more than the maximum height indicated in Appendix 2.2 or in paragraph (d)(1) of Section [84-135](#) (Limited height of buildings);
- (d) with respect to any #zoning lot# south of West Thames Street, east of South End Avenue, north of Third Place and west of Battery Place, a height of not less than 18 feet nor more than 85 feet above #curb level# ;

- (e) with respect to any 110–135 foot #mandatory front building wall line# shown in Appendix 3.1, a height of not less than 110 feet nor more than 135 feet;
- (f) with respect to any 110–230 foot #mandatory front building wall line# shown in Appendix 3.1, a height of not less than 110 feet nor more than 230 feet, except that:
  - (1) the width of the mandatory front #building# wall in excess of a height of 135 feet shall not exceed 120 feet along any frontage;
  - (2) where the width of the #mandatory front building wall line# along #street lines# intersecting North End Avenue exceeds 100 feet, the mandatory front #building# wall in excess of a height of 135 feet shall not exceed a width of 75 feet along North End Avenue. However, the width of the mandatory front #building# wall along #street lines# intersecting North End Avenue may be reduced to not less than 100 feet in order to accommodate landscaping and other improvements within or adjacent to the public open space areas shown in Appendix 3.6;
  - (3) a setback of 10 feet at a height of 135 feet is required along all street frontages, except Park Place West; and
  - (4) a setback of not less than five feet and not more than 10 feet is required in other locations at a height of 135 feet, as shown in Appendix 3.1;
- (g) with respect to any 150–250 foot #mandatory front building wall line# shown in Appendix 3.1, a height of not less than 150 feet nor more than 250 feet, except that the height may not exceed either 150 feet for more than 120 feet or 75 percent of the length of the site's western property line, whichever is less, and a setback of not less than five feet and not more than 10 feet is required at a height of 150 feet. Where Appendix 3.1 shows a requirement for a #building# to be built to a #mandatory front building wall line# along frontage on River Terrace, any such #building# may have a mandatory front #building# wall coincident with and constructed along a line set back one and one-half feet from the #street line# along River

Terrace to accommodate landscaping treatment as required by the Battery Park City Authority;

- (h) on the portion of any #zoning lot# designated as a #special height location# in Appendix 3.2, a height of not less than the applicable amount set forth in paragraphs (e), (f) or (g) of this Section and not more than the height shown in Appendix 3.2; and
- (i) on the #zoning lot# south of First Place and west of Battery Place, the eastern mandatory front #building# wall may be located within 30 feet from the eastern #mandatory front building wall line#, and the southern mandatory front #building# wall may be reduced in width up to 30 feet along the southern #mandatory front building wall line# within 30 feet from the intersection with the eastern #mandatory building wall line#.

Subject to the provisions of Section [84-133](#) (Front wall recesses), the mandatory front #building# wall requirements set forth in this Section shall also apply to all #buildings# along all #street lines# within 50 feet of their intersection with any #mandatory front building wall line#. For the next 20 feet along the #street line#, the mandatory front #building# wall requirements are optional except that, for any #building# north of Vesey Street and Vesey Place, the mandatory front #building# wall requirements are optional for the next 25 feet. The height limit of 85 feet shall apply along #street lines# or to #buildings# not subject to the mandatory front #building# wall requirements.