



Zoning Resolution

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87-60 - FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS

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The provisions of this Section, inclusive, shall apply in the Core Subdistrict, as shown on Map 1 in the Appendix to this Chapter. The #lot area# allocated to fire apparatus access road pursuant to the provisions of this Section [87-60](#), inclusive, may count towards any required #supplemental access area# required pursuant to the provisions of Section [62-57](#) (Required Supplemental Public Access Areas) and, where applied, such area may be discounted from the planting requirement set forth in paragraph (c) of Section [62-62](#) (Design Requirements for Shore Public Walkways and Supplemental Public Access Areas).

87-61 - Special Provisions for Certain Fire Apparatus Access Roads

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Within the Core and South Subdistricts, for Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4 and 11, as shown on Map 1 in the Appendix to this Chapter, where a fire apparatus access road is provided as required by New York City Fire Code Section 503.2 (Fire apparatus access roads), or its successor, the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission shall certify, in conjunction with a certification application filed pursuant to paragraph (c) of Section [62-811](#), the following:

- (a) the road shall be constructed to minimum Department of Transportation standards for public #streets#, including two sidewalks, curbs and curb drops, lighting, signage, materials and crosswalk, and shall meet the requirements set forth in the New York City Fire Code. For

Parcels 2, 3 and 4, where a fire apparatus access road is immediately adjacent to and contiguous with the #shore public walkway#, any pedestrian path within such #shore public walkway# shall substitute for one such sidewalk, provided that at least 30 percent of such path is provided adjacent to and contiguous with the fire apparatus access road;

- (b) for Parcels 2, 3 and 4, the contiguity provisions of paragraph (a) of Section [87-62](#) shall apply, except that where no connection for vehicular travel lanes terminating at the opposite side of a shared #lot line# exist at the time of construction, the provisions of paragraph (b) of such Section may be utilized as an interim alternative;
- (c) a restrictive declaration shall be executed in accordance with the provisions of Section [87-63](#); and
- (d) street trees shall be planted pursuant to the requirements of Section [26-41](#) along such fire apparatus access road as if it were a #street#.

However, the requirements of this Section shall not apply to: fire apparatus access roads on Parcels 1 and 3 that are provided pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(3) of Section [87-71](#) (Special Public Access Provisions); and to a fire apparatus access road on Parcel 11 located in the required #upland connection# within the prolongation of East 134th Street.

87-62 - Contiguity of Fire Apparatus Access Road with Adjacent Zoning Lots on Parcels 2, 3 and 4

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On Parcels 2, 3 and 4, as shown on Map 1 in the Appendix to this Chapter, in addition to the certification provisions of Section [87-61](#) (Special Provisions for Certain Fire Apparatus Access Roads), a fire apparatus access road shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Bi-Directional Road

On each of Parcels 2, 3 and 4, and only between such parcels, a connection for bi-directional vehicular travel lanes to an adjacent #zoning# #lot line# shall be provided. When complete, such fire apparatus access road shall provide bi-directional contiguous vehicular access from the intersection of Exterior Street and the northern boundary of Parcel 2, immediately adjacent to and contiguous with the entire southern boundary of the mapped parkland immediately adjacent to Parcel 2, immediately adjacent to and contiguous with the #shore public walkway# of Parcels 2, 3 and 4, to within the southerly #upland connection# of Parcel 4.

Any connection of fire apparatus access roads across a shared #zoning# #lot line# must meet the grade of, and maintain the street width of, the existing adjacent fire apparatus access road. Such fire apparatus access road shall extend immediately adjacent to and contiguous with the entire #shore public walkway# of the #zoning lot#, from #lot line# to #lot line#. A connection need not be opened unless and until such declaration of restrictions, in accordance with Section [87-63](#), has been recorded against the adjacent #zoning lot#.

(b) Interim fire apparatus access road turnaround

When bi-directional vehicular travel lanes are constructed that terminate at a #lot line# and do not continue on the adjacent #zoning lot# at the time of their construction, an interim dead-end fire apparatus access road turnaround may be constructed as an alternative to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, in accordance with the following provisions.

An applicant utilizing the provisions of this paragraph shall construct a fire apparatus access

road that extends along the entire southern boundary of mapped parkland immediately adjacent to Parcel 2, the entire #upland connection# and the entire #shore public walkway# of the #zoning lot#, as applicable, from #lot line# to #lot line#, and shall provide an “approved turnaround area,” constructed as part of a “dead-end fire apparatus access road,” as those terms are defined in the New York City Fire Code, Section 503.2.9 (Dead-end turnarounds), or its successor.

Such turnaround area shall be constructed to dimensions no greater than required under the New York City Fire Code, Section 503.2.9, or its successor, and shall be located at the end of the fire apparatus access road, abutting the adjacent #lot line#. Such turnaround area may extend into the designated #shore public walkway#, but at no point may such turnaround area extend into the associated circulation path. Where an interim dead-end fire apparatus access road turnaround area extends into the #shore public walkway#, the area of such turnaround may be discounted from the planting requirement set forth in paragraph (c) of Section [62-62](#). Sidewalks shall not be required adjacent to the turnaround area. The portion of the turnaround area that lies within a #shore public walkway# shall remain clear of obstacles, shall be composed of permeable materials to the extent permissible by the Fire Commissioner and shall meet all applicable requirements set forth in the New York City Fire Code, Section 503.2 (Fire apparatus access roads), or its successor. In addition, the roadbed material of a fire apparatus access road leading to a turnaround may be extended into the turnaround provided the area of the turnaround paved with such material is not wider than the roadbed leading to the turnaround. The remaining portions of the turnaround shall be paved with distinct materials to facilitate pedestrian usage.

At the time of certification pursuant to Section [87-61](#), the site plan shall demonstrate a suitable design for the dead-end fire apparatus access road that demonstrates both the approved turnaround area and the repurposed turnaround area outside of the roadbed upon the issuance of a notice of substantial compliance for the adjacent #zoning lot#. In addition, a conceptual site plan shall demonstrate that the proposed site plan and grading plan for

required contiguous access pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section is compatible with future #development# on the adjoining #zoning lot#. Such site plans shall be included as an exhibit to the declaration of restrictions recorded pursuant to Section [87-63](#).

Repurposing a turnaround area and providing contiguous access in accordance with an approved conceptual site plan shall not necessitate a certification pursuant to Section [62-811](#), provided that there are no further modifications to an approved #waterfront public access area#.

87-63 - Declaration of Restrictions

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For any fire apparatus access road proposed for certification pursuant to Section [87-61](#) (Special Provisions for Certain Fire Apparatus Access Roads), a declaration of restrictions shall be provided to guarantee the construction, improvement, operation, maintenance and repair of such road, and any sidewalk adjacent to such road, to guarantee that such road, and any sidewalk adjacent to such road, remains open, unobstructed and accessible to all members of the public, except as necessary to avoid public dedication, and to ensure compliance with all applicable provisions. Such declaration of restrictions shall be prepared in a form acceptable to the Department of City Planning, shall be filed and duly recorded in the Borough Office of the Register of the City of New York and indexed against the property. Filing and recording of the declaration of restrictions shall be a precondition for the Chairperson's certification under Section [87-61](#), where applicable.

For certifications proposed pursuant to Section [87-61](#) on Parcels 2, 3 or 4, where #developments# or #enlargements# on such parcels utilize the allowance for interim fire access turnaround, in accordance with paragraph (b) of Section [87-62](#) (Contiguity of Fire Apparatus Access Road with Adjacent

Zoning Lots on Parcels 2, 3 and 4), any declaration of restrictions shall include that, at the time of the issuance of the notice of substantial compliance for the adjacent #development#, or #enlargement# pursuant to this Section, thereby permitting vehicular connection between #zoning lots#, the #zoning lot# containing a previously constructed fire apparatus access road turnaround area shall be responsible for the following actions on the portion of the connection on such #zoning lot#:

- (a) repurposing the fire apparatus access road turnaround area pursuant to the requirements set forth in paragraph (b) of Section [87-62](#);
- (b) extending all required sidewalks that had remained short of the #lot line# to the shared #lot line# to connect to the required adjacent sidewalks and enable unobstructed pedestrian movement across parcels;
- (c) complying with all applicable waterfront rules, the Department of Transportation standards for public #streets# and the New York City Fire Code; and
- (d) providing a connection with the adjacent #zoning lot# pursuant to Section [87-62](#).