



Zoning Resolution

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97-43 - Special Height and Setback Regulations

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Within the #Special 125th Street District#, the underlying height and setback regulations shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

97-431 - Permitted obstructions

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12/6/2023

The provisions of Section [33-42](#) (Permitted Obstructions) shall apply, except that dormers may penetrate a maximum base height in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of Section [23-623](#) (Permitted obstructions in certain districts).

97-432 - Height and setback regulations in the Core Subdistrict and in areas outside of a subdistrict

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(a) Street wall location

In all #Commercial Districts# within the Core Subdistrict and areas outside of a subdistrict, the #street wall# shall be located on the #street line# of 125th Street and extend along the entire #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# up to at least the applicable minimum base height of the underlying district, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less.

The #street wall# location provisions of such #Commercial Districts# shall be modified, as follows:

- (1) On Park Avenue, within 10 feet of its intersection with any #street#, the #street wall# may be located anywhere within 10 feet of the Park Avenue #street line#. However, to allow articulation of the #street walls# pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, the #street walls# may be located anywhere within an area bounded by a #street line#, the #street wall# on Park Avenue and a line connecting these two lines 15 feet from their intersection.
- (2) To allow articulation of #street walls# at the intersection of any two #streets# within the Special District, the #street wall# may be located anywhere within an area bounded by the two #street lines# and a line connecting such #street lines# at points 15 feet from their intersection.
- (3) Recesses, not to exceed three feet in depth from the #street line#, shall be permitted on the ground floor where required to provide access to the #building#. Above the height of the second #story# and up to the applicable maximum base height, recesses are permitted for #outer courts# or balconies, provided that the aggregate width of such recesses does not exceed 30 percent of the width of the #street wall# at any level, and the depth of such recesses does not exceed five feet. No recesses shall be permitted within 20 feet of an adjacent #building# or within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, except in compliance with corner articulation rules.
- (4) The #street wall# location and minimum #street wall# height provisions of this Section shall not apply to any existing #buildings# that are to remain on the #zoning lot#.

- (5) For any #development# or #enlargement# that is partially within the #Special Transit Land Use District# and located directly over the planned Second Avenue subway line tunnel, the #residential# portion of such #development# or #enlargement# may be constructed pursuant to the R8A #street wall# requirements and the #commercial# portion of such #development# or #enlargement# may be constructed pursuant to the C4-4D #street wall# requirements in lieu of the requirements of this Section.
- (6) The requirements of this Section shall apply within the #Special Transit Land Use District# except that, for the area of the #Special Transit Land Use District# that is also within the #Special 125th Street District#, a #street wall# of a #development# or #enlargement# located on the #street line# of a #zoning lot# need not exceed 15 feet if that portion of the #development# or #enlargement# is located directly over the planned Second Avenue subway line tunnel.

(b) Maximum height of building and setback

The following modifications of the underlying district regulations shall apply for C4-7 and C6-3 Districts within the Core Subdistrict and areas outside of a subdistrict:

- (1) The minimum and maximum base height of the #street wall# and the maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be as set forth in the following table:

| MINIMUM BASE HEIGHT, MAXIMUM BASE HEIGHT AND MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| District | #Street Wall# Height (in feet) | | Maximum Height of #Building or Other Structure# (in feet) |
| | Minimum Base Height | Maximum Base Height | |
| C4-7 | 60 | 85 | 195 |
| C6-3 | 60 | 85 | 160 |

All portions of #buildings or other structures# that exceed a height of 85 feet in C4-7 and C6-3 Districts shall be set back at least 15 feet from the #street line#, except that such setback depth may include the depth of any permitted recess in the #street wall#, according to the provisions of paragraph (a) of Section [97-432](#) (Height and setback regulations in the Core Subdistrict and in areas outside of a subdistrict).

(2) Special regulations for certain C4-7 Districts

- (i) For the area located within 50 feet of the 126th Street frontage and between 200 feet east of Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard and 150 feet west of Lenox Avenue/Malcolm X Boulevard, the height of any portion of a #building or other structure# shall be limited to 80 feet.
- (ii) For #zoning lots# bounded by 125th Street, Park Avenue and 124th Street, the maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be 330 feet.
- (iii) For Lots 1 and 7501 on Block 1910, the requirements of City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Environmental Designation Number (E-102) have been modified, as set forth in the Technical

Memorandum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for CEQR Number 07DCP030M, dated July 18, 2008.

- (3) In C6-3 Districts, the maximum length of any #story# located above a height of 85 feet shall not exceed 150 feet. Such length shall be measured by inscribing within a rectangle the outermost walls at the level of each #story# entirely above a height of 85 feet. No side of such rectangle shall exceed a width of 150 feet.

97-433 - Height and setback regulations in the Park Avenue Hub Subdistrict

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6/6/2024

In C6-4 Districts within the Park Avenue Hub Subdistrict, as shown on Map 1 in Appendix A of this Chapter, the following provisions shall apply.

- (a) #Street wall# location

The applicable provisions of Section [35-651](#) shall be modified as follows:

- (1) Along 125th Street

The minimum base height shall be 60 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, except that for #buildings# or portions thereof within 50 feet of Park Avenue, the minimum base height shall be 40 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. The street wall location provisions of this paragraph shall be modified to allow a sidewalk widening pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a)(2) of this Section; and

- (2) Along Park Avenue and #narrow streets#

The provisions of paragraph (a) of Section [35-651](#) shall apply, except that the minimum base height shall be 40 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less.

In addition, for #zoning lots# with frontage along Park Avenue between 124th Street and 125th Street, any #development# or horizontal #enlargement# shall provide a sidewalk widening along the #street line# of Park Avenue. Such sidewalk widening shall have a depth of 10 feet, be improved to Department of Transportation standards for sidewalks, and be at the same level as the adjoining public sidewalk.

- (b) Basic maximum #building# height and setback regulations

The maximum height of #buildings or other structures# shall be as set forth in Sections [35-652](#) (Maximum height of buildings and setback regulations) or [35-654](#) (Modified height and setback regulations for certain Inclusionary Housing buildings or affordable independent residences for seniors), as applicable, except that the minimum base height shall be as set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section, and the maximum base height for #buildings or other structures# along the #street line# of 125th Street and within 50 feet of such #street line# shall be 85 feet.

For the purposes of applying the provisions for #qualifying ground floors#, the provisions of Section [97-20](#) (GROUND FLOOR LEVEL REGULATIONS), inclusive, shall apply in lieu of the applicable provisions of paragraph (b)(2) of Section [35-652](#).

- (c) Optional height and setback regulations

As an alternative to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, the provisions of this paragraph (c) may be applied to #zoning lots# meeting the criteria set forth in paragraph (a) of Section [23-664](#) (Modified height and setback regulations for certain Inclusionary Housing buildings or affordable independent residences for seniors), or #zoning lots# where 50 percent or more of the #floor area# is allocated to non-#residential uses#.

(1) Setbacks

At a height not lower than the minimum base height specified in paragraph (a) of this Section, nor higher than a maximum base height of 85 feet, a setback shall be provided in accordance with paragraph (c) of Section [23-662](#) (Maximum height of buildings and setback regulations). Above such required setback, any portion of a #building# or #buildings# on the #zoning lot# shall be considered a “tower.”

(2) #Lot coverage# requirements for towers

Each #story# of a tower containing #residential# #floor area# shall not exceed a maximum #lot coverage# of 40 percent, except that, for #zoning lots# less than 20,000 square feet, such #lot coverage# may be increased in accordance with the table in Section [23-65](#) (Tower Regulations). Each #story# of a tower allocated exclusively to non-#residential floor area# shall not exceed a maximum #lot coverage# of 50 percent. However, where dormers are provided within the required setback, such portions of #buildings# shall not count toward the maximum allowable #lot coverage# set forth in this paragraph.

(3) Maximum #building# height

No height limit shall apply to towers.

97-434 - Height and setback regulations in Subdistrict A

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Within Subdistrict A, as shown on Map 1 in Appendix A of this Chapter, the underlying height and setback regulations for #Quality Housing buildings# shall apply, except that in C4-7 Districts, the minimum and maximum base heights and the overall maximum #building# height provisions of Section [35-65](#), inclusive, shall be modified in accordance with the following table: Maximum height of #buildings.

| MINIMUM BASE HEIGHT, MAXIMUM BASE HEIGHT AND MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| District | #Street Wall# Height (in feet) | | Maximum Height of #Building or Other Structure# (in feet) |
| | Minimum Base Height | Maximum Base Height | |
| C4-7 | 60 | 85 | 245 |

Above the maximum base height, a setback shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of Section 23-662.