



Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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81-634 - Permitted modifications in conjunction with additional floor area

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In conjunction with the grant of a special permit pursuant to Section [81-633](#) (Special permit for Grand Central public realm improvements), the City Planning Commission may permit modifications to #street walls#, height and setback regulations and mandatory plan elements, as set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section, provided that the Commission determines that the application requirements set forth in paragraph (b) and the findings set forth in paragraph (c) of this Section are met.

(a) The Commission may modify the following, whether singly or in any combination:

- (1) the #street wall# regulations of Sections [81-43](#) (Street Wall Continuity Along Designated Streets) or [81-671](#) (Special street wall requirements), inclusive;
- (2) the height and setback regulations of Sections [81-26](#) (Height and Setback Regulations - Daylight Compensation), inclusive, [81-27](#) (Alternate Height and Setback Regulations - Daylight Evaluation), inclusive, or [81-66](#) (Special Height and Setback Requirements); or
- (3) the mandatory district plan elements of Sections [81-42](#) (Retail Continuity Along Designated Streets), [81-44](#) (Curb Cut Restrictions), [81-45](#) (Pedestrian Circulation Space), [81-46](#) (Off-street Relocation or Renovation of a Subway Stair), [81-47](#) (Major Building Entrances), [81-48](#) (Off-street Improvement of Access to Rail Mass Transit Facility), [81-674](#) (Ground floor use provisions), [81-675](#) (Curb cut restrictions and loading berth requirements), [81-676](#) (Pedestrian circulation space requirements) or [37-50](#) (REQUIREMENTS FOR PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION SPACE), inclusive, except that no modifications to the required amount of pedestrian circulation space set forth in Section [37-51](#) shall be permitted.

(b) Application requirements

Applications for a special permit for modifications pursuant to this Section shall contain materials, of sufficient scope and detail, to enable the Commission to determine the extent of the proposed modifications. In addition, where modifications to #street wall# or height and setback regulations are proposed, any application shall contain the following materials, at a minimum:

- (1) drawings, including but not limited to, plan views and axonometric views, that illustrate how the proposed #building# will not comply with the #street wall# regulations of Section [81-43](#) or as such provisions are modified pursuant to Section [81-671](#), as applicable, and that illustrate how the proposed #building# will not comply with the height and setback regulations of Sections [81-26](#), [81-27](#) or as such provisions are modified pursuant to Section [81-66](#), as applicable;
- (2) where applicable, formulas showing the degree to which such proposed #building# will not comply with the length and height rules of Section [81-26](#) or as such provisions are modified pursuant to Section [81-66](#); and
- (3) where applicable, #daylight evaluation charts# and the resulting daylight evaluation score showing the degree to which such proposed #building# will not comply with the provisions of Section [81-27](#) or as such provisions are modified pursuant to Section [81-66](#).

(c) Findings

The Commission shall find that such proposed modifications:

- (1) to the mandatory district plan elements will result in a better site plan for the proposed #development# or #enlargement# that is harmonious with the mandatory district plan element strategy of the #Special Midtown District#, as set forth in Section [81-41](#) (General Provisions); and
- (2) to the #street wall# or height and setback regulations will result in an improved distribution of #bulk# on the #zoning lot# that is harmonious with the height and setback goals of the #Special Midtown District# set forth in Section [81-251](#) (Purpose of height and setback regulations).

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.