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For #buildings# on #qualifying sites# in the East Midtown Subdistrict using the daylight evaluation method of height and setback regulations, the provisions of Section 81-27 (Alternate Height and Setback Regulations – Daylight Evaluation) are modified as follows:

(a) for the purposes of calculating the daylight evaluation score pursuant to Section 81-274 (Rules for determining the daylight evaluation score):

(1) the computation of daylight evaluation shall not include any daylight blockage for that portion of the #building# above the curved line representing 70 degrees in the applicable #Daylight Evaluation Charts#, and below a height of 150 feet, as measured from #curb level#. However, such computation shall include the daylight blockage created by extending the lines representing the outermost edges of the portion of the #building# immediately above a height of 150 feet downwards to such 70 degree line;

(2) the computation of unblocked daylight squares which are below the curved line representing an elevation of 70 degrees, pursuant to paragraph (c) of Section 81-274, may apply along designated #streets# where #street wall# continuity is required;

(3) the profile penalty for #profile encroachment#, set forth in paragraph (a) of Section 81-274, shall not apply; and

(4) the provisions of paragraph (i) of Section 81-274 shall be modified to require an overall passing score of 66 percent. Notwithstanding such modifications, no single #street#

frontage shall have a street score of less than 66 percent;

(b) the reflectivity provisions of Section 81-276 may be utilized to raise both an individual score and the overall score by up to six percentage points;

(c) for #buildings# on #qualifying sites# with frontage along the easterly #street line# of Vanderbilt Avenue, the full width of Vanderbilt Avenue may be considered part of the #zoning lot# for the purposes of constructing the #daylight evaluation chart# pursuant to Section 81-272 (Features of the Daylight Evaluation Chart). Such modified #zoning lot# shall be constructed by shifting the westerly boundary of the #zoning lot# to the westerly #street line# of Vanderbilt Avenue, and by prolonging the # street lines# of #narrow streets# to such new westerly boundary. Such modified #zoning lot# may be utilized to create a modified pedestrian view along Vanderbilt Avenue and intersecting #narrow streets# provided that:

(1) any portion of the #building# fronting along Vanderbilt Avenue above a height of 100 feet, as measured from #curb level#, is set back a minimum of 15 feet from the Vanderbilt Avenue #street line#;

(2) #vantage points# along Vanderbilt Avenue are taken 30 feet west of the westerly #street line# instead of the #center line of the street#; and

(3) #vantage points# along #narrow streets# are taken from the corner of the modified #zoning lot#; and

(d) for #buildings# with frontage along Park Avenue:

(1) for the purposes of establishing #vantage points# along Park Avenue to construct a #daylight evaluation chart# pursuant to the provisions of Section 81-272, the

definition of #center line of the street#, as set forth in Section 81-271 (Definitions), shall be modified along Park Avenue to be a line 70 feet from, and parallel to, the Park Avenue #street line# of the #zoning lot#; and

(2) for the purpose of plotting #buildings# on the #daylight evaluation chart# pursuant to Section 81-273 (Rules for plotting buildings on the daylight evaluation chart), Chart 4 (Daylight Evaluation Diagram – Park Avenue) in Appendix B of this Chapter shall be utilized in lieu of the chart for #streets# 100 feet or more in width.