



Zoning Resolution

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142-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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The “Special Inwood District” established in this Resolution is designed to promote and protect public health, safety and general welfare. These general goals include, among others, the following specific purposes:

- (a) to create a lively and attractive built environment that will provide amenities and services for the use and enjoyment of area residents, workers and visitors;
- (b) to encourage well-designed #development# that complements and enhances the built character of the neighborhood;
- (c) to enhance neighborhood economic diversity by broadening the range of housing choices for residents of varied incomes;
- (d) to maintain and establish physical and visual public access to and along the waterfront;
- (e) to promote the pedestrian orientation of ground floor uses in appropriate locations, and thus safeguard a traditional quality of higher density areas of the City;
- (f) to take advantage of the waterfront along the Harlem River, Sherman Creek, and the North Cove and create a public open space network;
- (g) to focus higher-density development in appropriate locations along wide, mixed-use corridors with good access to transit;

- (h) to provide flexibility of architectural design within limits established to assure adequate access of light and air to streets and public access areas, and thus encourage more attractive and economic building forms; and
- (i) to promote the most desirable use of land and development in accordance with the District Plan for the Inwood waterfront, and thus conserve and enhance the value of land and buildings, and thereby protect the City's tax revenues.

142-01 - General Provisions

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The provisions of this Chapter shall apply within the #Special Inwood District#. The regulations of all other Chapters of this Resolution are applicable, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by the provisions of this Chapter. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and other regulations of this Resolution, the provisions of this Chapter shall control. However, in #flood zones#, or for #transit-adjacent sites# or #qualifying transit improvement sites#, as defined in Section [66-11](#) (Definitions), in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4 (Special Regulations Applying in Flood Hazard Areas), or Article VI, Chapter 6 (Special Regulations Applying Around Mass Transit Stations), the provisions of Article VI shall control.

142-02 - District Plan and Maps

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The regulations of this Chapter are designed to implement the #Special Inwood District# Plan. The District Plan, including Map 1 (Special Inwood District – Subdistricts and Subareas), Map 2 (Special Inwood District – Ground Floor Use and Curb Cut Regulations), and Map 3 (Special Inwood District – Transit Easement Zones) is set forth in the Appendix to this Chapter and is hereby incorporated as part of this Resolution for the purpose of specifying locations where the special regulations and requirements set forth in this Chapter apply. In order to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Chapter, district maps are located in the Appendix to this Chapter and are hereby incorporated and made an integral part of this Resolution. They are incorporated for the purpose of specifying locations where special regulations and requirements, as set forth in the text of this Chapter, apply.

Map 1. Special Inwood District – Subdistricts and Subareas

Map 2. Special Inwood District – Ground Floor Use and Curb Cut Regulations

Map 3. Special Inwood District – Transit Easement Zones

Map 4. Waterfront Access Plan: Parcel Designation

Map 5. Waterfront Access Plan: Public Access Areas

Map 6. Waterfront Access Plan: Visual Corridors

142-03 - Subdistricts and Subareas

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In order to carry out the provisions of this Chapter, six subdistricts are established, as follows:

Sherman Creek Subdistrict A

Tip of Manhattan Subdistrict B

Library Subdistrict C

Upland Area Subdistrict D

Infrastructure Zone Subdistrict E

Commercial “U” Subdistrict F

In each of these subdistricts, certain special regulations apply which do not apply within the remainder of the #Special Inwood District#. Within certain subdistricts, subareas are established, as follows:

Within Sherman Creek Subdistrict A:

Subarea A1

Subarea A2

Subarea A3

Within Tip of Manhattan Subdistrict B:

Subarea B1

Subarea B2

Subarea B3

Subarea B4

Within Upland Area Subdistrict D

Subarea D1

Subarea D2

Subarea D3

Subarea D4

The location and boundaries of subdistricts and subareas are outlined on Map 1 (Special Inwood District - Subdistricts and Subareas) in the Appendix to this Chapter.

142-04 - Definitions

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For purposes of this Chapter, matter in italics is defined in Section [12-10](#) (DEFINITIONS), Section [32-301](#) (Definitions) and in this Section.

Shoreline adjacent lot

For the purposes of this Chapter, a “shoreline adjacent lot” shall refer to a #waterfront zoning lot# with a #shoreline# length of more than 100 feet, or any #zoning lot# that has entered into a binding agreement to improve and maintain a #waterfront public access area# for an adjoining #waterfront zoning lot#.

142-05 - Applicability

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142-051 - Applicability of Mandatory Inclusionary Housing

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#Mandatory Inclusionary Housing areas# within the #Special Inwood District# are shown in APPENDIX F of this Resolution.

142-052 - Applicability of Article XII, Chapter 3

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In M1 Districts paired with a #Residence District#, the special #use#, #bulk# and parking and loading provisions of Article XII, Chapter 3 (Special Mixed Use District) shall apply, except where modified by the provisions of this Chapter, and shall supplement or supersede the provisions of the designated #Residence# or M1 District, as applicable.

142-06 - Modification of Use and Bulk Regulations for Zoning Lots Fronting on Former West 208th Street

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Where the #lot line# of a #zoning lot# coincides with the former boundary of West 208th Street, as shown on Map 1 in the Appendix to this Chapter, such #lot line# shall be considered a #street line# for the purpose of applying all #use# and #bulk# regulations of this Resolution.

142-07 - Development over a Street in Subarea A1

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In Subarea A1, as shown on Map 1 (Special Inwood District – Subdistricts and Subareas) in the Appendix to this Chapter, when a volume above a #street#, or portion thereof, has been eliminated, discontinued or closed, such volume may, at the option of an owner of a #zoning lot# adjoining such volume, be considered part of the adjoining #zoning lot#, and a #development# or #enlargement# may be located within such volume that is part of or connected to a #building# on the adjoining #zoning lot# utilizing #floor area# generated by the adjoining #zoning lot#, provided that the #street# below the volume is provided with lighting in accordance with Department of Transportation standards. In no event shall such volume contribute to the amount of #lot area# of any #zoning lot# for the purposes of generating #floor area#.

142-08 - Shoreline Boundary

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For the purposes of this Chapter, the #shoreline# shall be as shown on a survey available on the Department of City Planning website.

142-09 - Off-street Relocation of Subway Station Entrances

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For all #developments# or #enlargements# involving ground floor level construction on a #zoning lot# that is wholly or partially located within a Transit Easement Zone, as shown on Map 3 (Special Inwood District – Transit Easement Zones) in the Appendix to this Chapter, a transit easement volume may be needed on such #zoning lot# for public access between the #street# and the adjacent above- or below-grade subway station, pursuant to the provisions of Section [66-20](#) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR PRIMARY TRANSIT-ADJACENT SITES). Such #zoning lots# that are wholly or partially within a Transit Easement Zone shall be considered a #primary transit-adjacent site#, as defined in Section [66-11](#) (Definitions).