



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Eric Adams, Mayor

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Daniel R. Garodnick, Chair

# **109-30 - HOUSTON STREET CORRIDOR (Area B)**

File generated by <https://zr.planning.nyc.gov> on 1/20/2025

---

## 109-30 - HOUSTON STREET CORRIDOR (Area B)

---

LAST AMENDED

2/3/1977

The provisions of this Section are applicable within Area B, as shown on the District Plan (Appendix A).

---

## 109-31 - Special Use Regulations

---

LAST AMENDED

2/3/1977

## 109-311 - Special regulations for existing commercial or manufacturing uses

---

LAST AMENDED

2/3/1977

The continuation, #enlargement#, #extension# or change of #use# of existing #commercial# or #manufacturing uses# within Area B, shall be governed by the underlying district regulations.

---

## 109-312 - Special use regulations for new development

---

LAST AMENDED

6/6/2024

For any #building# or portion of a #building# #developed# or #enlarged# within Area B, #uses# listed in the underlying district regulations are permitted, except for the following #uses#:

From Use Group IV(B)

All #uses#

From Use Group IX

Vehicle storage #uses#.

---

## 109-313 - Streetscape provisions

---

LAST AMENDED

6/6/2024

The underlying #ground floor level# streetscape provisions shall apply. However, along #Tier B street frontages# where the alternate #ground floor level# provisions are able to be applied, in accordance with Section [32-322](#), the following transparency requirements shall be applied in addition to the provisions of such Section:

#Ground floor level# #street walls# shall be glazed with transparent materials, which may include #show windows#, transom windows, or glazed portions of doors. Such transparent materials shall occupy at least 25 percent of the surface area of such #ground floor level# #street wall#, up to a height of 12 feet above #curb level#, or the height of the ground floor ceiling, whichever is higher. Transparent areas may include storefronts subject to Section [109-50](#). Door or window openings within such surface areas shall be considered transparent. Such opening shall have a minimum width of two feet.

---

## 109-32 - Bulk Regulations

---

LAST AMENDED  
2/2/2011

The #bulk# regulations of the underlying district shall apply to the Houston Street Corridor (Area B), except as set forth in this Section.

---

## 109-321 - Floor area regulation

---

LAST AMENDED  
10/7/2021

The maximum #floor area ratio# permitted on a #zoning lot# is 7.52 for #residential use#, 6.0 for #commercial use# and 7.5 for #community facility use#. In no event shall the total #floor area ratio# for all #uses# exceed 7.52. However, for #developments# or #enlargements# on #qualifying transit improvement sites#, a #floor area# bonus for #mass transit station# improvements may be granted by the City Planning Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section [66-51](#) (Additional Floor Area for Mass Transit Station Improvements). For the purposes of this paragraph, defined terms additionally include those in Section [66-11](#) (Definitions).

---

## 109-322 - Lot coverage regulations

---

LAST AMENDED  
3/22/2016

For any #zoning lot# within Area B, the maximum #lot coverage# shall not exceed the following percentages:

Lot Type	Maximum #Lot Coverage# (in percent)
#Corner lot#	100
#Interior# or #through lot#	70

---

## 109-323 - Height and setback regulations

---

LAST AMENDED  
12/6/2023

The #street wall# of any #building# for the first two #stories# or 23 feet, whichever is greater, shall be located on the #street line# and extend the entire length of the #street line# of the #zoning lot# not occupied by existing #buildings# to remain. However, at the intersection of two #street lines#, the #street wall# may be located anywhere within an area bounded by the two #street lines# and lines parallel to, and 10 feet from each #street line#. No #street wall# shall be required along a #street line# bounding any portion of a #zoning lot# which is less than 25 feet in depth measured from the #street line# of a #wide street#.

For #street walls# above the level of the second #story# or 23 feet, whichever is greater, at least 50 percent of the aggregate length of the #street walls# shall be located on the #street line#. The remainder of the aggregate length of the mandatory #street walls# at each #story# may be recessed from the #street line# to a depth not exceeding 10 feet provided that the length of any such recess does not exceed 25 percent of the aggregate length of the #street walls# at each #story#.

The mandatory minimum height above #curb level# of a required #street wall# without setback shall be 60 feet on a #wide street# and 23 feet on a #narrow street#, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. No setback shall be permitted on a #narrow street# below a height of 55 feet.

The maximum permitted height of a #street wall# at the #street line# without setback shall not exceed 100 feet above #curb level# and, above this height, no portion of a #building or other structure# shall penetrate a #sky exposure plane# commencing at 100 feet and rising over the #zoning lot# at a ratio of 1.5 to 1.0.

In addition, no portion of a #building or other structure# shall penetrate a #rear sky exposure plane# commencing at a height of 100 feet above #curb level# and at a distance of 100 feet from and parallel to the #street line#, and rising over the #zoning lot# at a ratio of 1.5 to 1.0 along #wide streets# and at a ratio of 1.0 to 1.0 along #narrow streets#.

However, #energy infrastructure equipment# and #accessory# mechanical equipment shall be permitted obstructions above such height limits, subject to the provisions of Section [33-42](#).

---

## 109-33 - Special Front Wall Regulations

---

LAST AMENDED  
6/6/2024

For all #buildings# within Area B, the exterior materials of the front wall shall be predominantly of masonry.

---

## 109-34 - Open Recreation Space and Landscaping Requirements

---

LAST AMENDED  
2/2/2011

For any #building developed# or #enlarged# after February 3, 1977, a minimum of 20 percent of the #lot area# of the #zoning lot# shall be provided as usable, landscaped #open recreation space#, accessible to the occupants of such #development# or #enlargement# or to the public. Such #open recreation space# shall be located either at the ground level and/or roof level, and shall be landscaped and properly maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section [109-142](#) (Landscaping regulations).

---

## 109-35 - Curb Cuts

---

LAST AMENDED  
5/8/2013

---

## 109-351 - Curb cut regulations

---

LAST AMENDED  
5/8/2013

There shall be not more than one curb cut on each #street line# frontage of a #zoning lot#.

---

## 109-36 - Mandatory Street Trees

---

LAST AMENDED

4/30/2008

In addition to the applicable underlying #street# tree planting requirements, all changes of #use# within the same or to other Use Groups of at least 50 percent of the #floor area# of an existing #building#, or alterations above 30 percent of the #building# value of an existing #building#, pursuant to the applicable articles of the Building Code of the City of New York, within Area B, shall provide #street# trees as set forth in Section [26-41](#) (Street Tree Planting), except that for a #zoning lot# frontage on Houston Street such mandatory trees may alternatively be located on the median traffic island of Houston Street.

---

## 109-37 - Noise Attenuation

---

LAST AMENDED

3/22/2016

For any #residential# or #commercial# #use# in a #development# within Area B:

- (a) window wall attenuation of 35 dB(A) for #residential uses# or 30 dB(A) for #commercial# #uses#, shall be provided. However, upon application to the Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) by the owner of the affected #building#, consistent with its authority under the provisions of Section [11-15](#) (Environmental Requirements) with respect to (E) designations, OER may modify the requirements of this Section, based upon new information, additional facts or updated standards, as applicable, provided that such modification is equally protective. In such instances, OER shall provide the Department of Buildings with notice of such modification, stating that it does not object to the issuance of a building permit, or temporary or final certificate of occupancy; and
- (b) alternative means of ventilation shall be provided, such as, but not limited to, central air conditioning or the provision of air conditioning sleeves, with such alternative means to conform to the provisions of Sections [27-752](#) to [27-756](#) of the Building Code of the City of New York.