



## Zoning Resolution

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# **121-40 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS WITHIN SUBDISTRICT A-2**

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The following special #bulk# regulations shall apply within Subdistrict A-2, as shown on the map in Appendix A of this Chapter.

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## 121-41 - Maximum Permitted Floor Area Within Subdistrict A-2

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The basic maximum #floor area ratio# of a #zoning lot# containing non-#residential buildings# shall be 10.0 and may be increased to a maximum #floor area ratio# of 12.0 pursuant to Section [93-31](#) (District Improvement Fund Bonus). Such #zoning lot# may also contain #residences# within #buildings# existing on January 19, 2005, provided that such #buildings# are not #enlarged# after such date. For #zoning lots# containing #residences# within a #building# that is #developed# or #enlarged# on or after January 19, 2005, the basic maximum #floor area ratio# shall be 6.5. The #floor area ratio# of any such #zoning lot# may be increased from 6.5 as follows:

- (a) The #residential# #floor area# may be increased to a maximum of 12.0 where the following are met:
  - (1) an amount of #floor area# equal to at least 20 percent of the total #residential# #floor area# is allocated to #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing#; and
  - (2) a #floor area# increase or transfer equal to a #floor area ratio# of 2.5 has been earned pursuant to Section [93-31](#) or [93-32](#) (Floor Area Regulations in the Phase 2 Hudson Boulevard and Park).
- (b) For the #conversion# to #dwelling units# of non-#residential buildings#, or portions thereof, where the total #floor area# on the #zoning lot# to be #converted# to #residential use# exceeds a #floor area ratio# of 12.0, such excess #floor area# shall be permitted only pursuant to Section [93-31](#).

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). As a pre-condition to applying for such #floor area# bonus, the applicant shall demonstrate that a #floor area ratio# of no less than 0.1 of the maximum #floor area ratio# pursuant to Section [93-31](#) or the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, has been achieved prior to, or in conjunction with, the application. For the purposes of this paragraph, defined terms additionally include those in Section [66-11](#) (Definitions).

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## 121-42 - Height of Street Walls and Maximum Building Height Within Subdistrict A-2

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- (a) Height of #street walls#

The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) of Section [35-631](#) shall apply, except that the #street wall# shall extend to a minimum base height of 80 feet and a maximum base height of 90 feet before setback. However, if the height of an adjacent #street wall# fronting on the same #street line# is higher than 90 feet before setback, the #street wall# of the new or #enlarged# #building# may rise without setback to the height of such adjacent #street wall#, up to a maximum

height of 120 feet.

For #zoning lots#, or portions thereof, with #street# frontage of 25 feet or less and existing on June 29, 2010, a minimum base height lower than 80 feet shall be permitted along such #street# frontage in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) where the height of an adjacent #street wall# fronting on the same #street line# is at least 60 feet and less than 80 feet, the #street wall# of the new or #enlarged# #building# may rise without setback to the height of such adjacent #street wall#; or

where the height of an adjacent #street wall# fronting on the same #street line# is less than 60 feet, the #street wall# of the new or #enlarged# #building# may rise without setback to a minimum #street wall# height of 60 feet.

The #street wall# of any #building# may rise to a height less than the minimum base height required pursuant to this paragraph (a), provided that no #building# on the #zoning lot# exceeds such height, except where such #building# is located on a #zoning lot# with multiple #buildings#, one or more of which is #developed#, #enlarged# or altered after February 2, 2011, to a height exceeding the minimum base height required pursuant to this paragraph (a).

(b) Maximum #building# height

Above a height of 90 feet or the height of the adjacent #street wall# if higher than 90 feet, no portion of a #building or other structure# shall penetrate a #sky exposure plane# that begins at a height of 90 feet above the #street line#, or the height of the adjacent #street wall# if higher than 90 feet, and rises over the #zoning lot# at a slope of four feet of vertical distance for each foot of horizontal distance to a maximum height limit of 250 feet, except as provided below:

- (1) any portion of the #building or other structure# #developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the tower regulations of Section [33-45](#) (Tower Regulations) or paragraph (d) of Section [35-632](#) (Maximum height of buildings and setback regulations), as applicable, may penetrate the #sky exposure plane#, provided no portion of such #building or other structure# exceeds the height limit of 250 feet; and
- (2) permitted obstructions, as listed in Section [33-42](#), may penetrate the #sky exposure plane# and the height limit of 250 feet. In addition, a dormer shall be allowed as a permitted obstruction pursuant to paragraph (b) of Section [23-413](#) (Permitted obstructions in certain districts).

On a #zoning lot# with frontage of at least 200 feet along at least one #street#, up to 20 percent of the #aggregate width of the street wall# facing such #street#, for a maximum width of 50 feet, may be recessed to a maximum depth of 15 feet from the #street line#, provided the recessed area is located a minimum of 20 feet from an adjacent #building# and that a minimum of 60 percent of such area is planted with any combination of grass, ground cover, shrubs, trees or other living plant material in the ground or in planters permanently affixed to the ground.