



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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# **134-20 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS**

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## 134-20 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS

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In the Northern Subdistrict, the underlying #bulk# regulations shall apply, as superseded, modified, or supplemented by this Section, inclusive. The #bulk# regulations of a C1 District mapped within an R3-2 District shall apply to all #commercial# #uses#.

In the Southern Subdistrict, the underlying #bulk# regulations shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the provisions of this Section, inclusive, shall apply. All heights within the Southern Subdistrict shall be measured from the #base plane#, except as otherwise provided for by the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4 (Regulations Applying in Special Flood Hazard Areas).

For the purposes of applying the regulations of this Section, inclusive, to the #esplanade#, the open area required by paragraph (d) of Section [134-44](#) shall be considered part of the # esplanade#.

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## 134-21 - Floor Area Regulations

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### 134-211 - Floor Area Regulations in the Northern Subdistrict

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For the purposes of determining the permitted #floor area ratio# pursuant to this Section, the Northern Subdistrict shall be considered a single #zoning lot#.

Within the Northern Subdistrict, the underlying #floor area ratios# shall apply to all permitted #uses#.

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### 134-212 - Floor Area Regulations in the Southern Subdistrict

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For the purposes of determining the permitted #floor area ratio# pursuant to this Section, the Eastern and Western Subarea of the Southern Subdistrict shall, in combination, be considered a single #zoning lot#. No #floor area# may be generated from the Open Space Subarea.

Within the Southern Subdistrict, the maximum #floor area ratios# permitted for #residential# and non-#residential uses# on a #zoning lot#, along with the total #floor area ratio# permitted on a #zoning lot#, shall be as set forth in the following table:

#### MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO IN SOUTHERN SUBDISTRICT

Use Group 3 & 4 (exclusive of ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities)	2.63
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All other #uses#	2.0
#residential uses#	0.5
Use Group 5	0.313
total maximum FAR	2.63

In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) the aggregate #lot area# of the Eastern and Western Subareas, shall be considered to be 1,436,930 square feet. #Floor area# shall be permitted to be located anywhere within such subareas without regard to the #lot area# of a subarea or the separation of the subareas by the Open Space Subarea;
- (b) no #floor area# shall be generated within the Open Space Subarea, but the #floor area# contained in any #buildings or other structures# permitted as obstructions within the Open Space Subarea pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of Section [134-24](#) (Height and Setback Regulations) shall be included in the calculation of aggregate #floor area# for the purposes of paragraph (c) of this Section; and
- (c) in no event shall the aggregate #floor area# in the Southern Subdistrict exceed 3,775,000 square feet.

## 134-22 - Lot Coverage

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For the purposes of determining the permitted #lot coverage# pursuant to this Section, each #building parcel# shall be considered a separate #zoning lot#. Within the Eastern and Western Subareas, the maximum #lot coverage# shall be as set forth in the following table:

### MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

height above #base plane# (in feet)	#lot coverage# (in percent)
Below 60	80
60 to 125	50
above 125	30

In the Open Space Subarea, no #lot coverage# regulations shall apply.

## 134-23 - Yard Regulations

Within the Southern Subdistrict, no #yard# regulations shall apply.

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## 134-24 - Height and Setback Regulations

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(a) Northern Subdistrict

The underlying district height and setback regulations of Article II (Residence District Regulations) are applicable or modified as follows:

- (1) For #buildings# containing #residences#, the underlying height and setback regulations for #buildings# containing #residences# shall apply, except for in #buildings# in which 75 percent or more of the #floor area# is #community facility# #floor area#.
- (2) For #buildings# in which 75 percent or more of the #floor area# is #community facility# #floor area#, the underlying height and setback regulations shall not apply. In lieu thereof, any portion of a #building# that exceeds a height of 35 feet shall be set back at least 25 feet from a #front yard line# or #street line#, where applicable, and no portion of such #building# shall exceed a height of 60 feet.
- (3) For #buildings# containing #commercial# #uses#, the underlying height and setback regulations for #commercial# #uses# are modified as follows: no #building# containing #commercial# #uses# shall exceed a height of 30 feet, except for #buildings# subject to paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this Section.
- (4) All structures other than #buildings# shall be limited to a height of 35 feet.

(b) Southern Subdistrict

Within the Southern Subdistrict, the following height and setback regulations shall apply.

Where heights are measured from the #base plane#, the #base plane# shall be established at 12.348 feet above Manhattan Datum.

- (1) #Street wall# location

On #building parcel# E-2, where any portion of a #building# is located within 60 feet of #Yankee Pier Plaza#:

- (i) at least 65 percent of the #street wall# facing #Yankee Pier Plaza# shall be located within 15 feet of the #street line# adjoining #Yankee Pier Plaza#, and shall rise to a minimum base height of 30 feet; and
- (ii) where any portion of such #building# exceeds 125 feet in height, at least 50 percent of the #street wall# facing the #esplanade# shall rise to a minimum base height of 30 feet and be located within 30 feet of the #esplanade#.

On all other #building parcels# and for the #street lines# on #building parcel# E-2 other than the #street lines# facing #Yankee Pier Plaza# and the #esplanade#, no #street wall# location requirements shall apply.

(2) Maximum base height and required setback

Within 15 feet of the #street line#, or as otherwise specified in Map 4 of the Appendix to this Chapter, the height of a #building# shall not exceed the maximum base heights set forth in Map 4 for the applicable frontage of a #building parcel#.

(3) Maximum #building# height

The maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall not exceed the height set forth in the following table for the applicable #building parcel#:

MAXIMUM HEIGHT

#Building parcel#	Height above #base plane# (in feet)
E-1	125
E-2	225

E-3	175
E-4	125
W-1	200

In addition, the following shall apply:

- (i) In the Eastern Subarea, no portion of a #building or other structure# may exceed the maximum base height set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this Section within 150 feet of the boundary of the Northern Subdistrict.
- (ii) In the Eastern Subarea, no portion of a #building or other structure# may be located in the open area required by paragraph (d) of Section [134-44](#) (Other Open Areas).
- (iii) In the Western Subarea, no portion of a #building or other structure# may exceed the maximum base height set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this Section within:
  - (a) 100 feet of the #esplanade#;
  - (b) 150 feet of the boundary of the Northern Subdistrict; or
  - (c) 100 feet of the southern end of #building parcel# W-1.

For the purposes of this Section, the southern end of #building parcel# W-1 shall be measured from a line drawn perpendicular to the #esplanade# and intersecting #building parcel# W-1.

- (iv) In the Open Space Subarea, no portion of a #building or other structure# shall be permitted above #base plane#, except as provided in paragraph (b)(5) of this Section.
- (4) Permitted obstructions in the Eastern Subarea and Western Subarea

In the Eastern Subarea and Western Subarea, the provisions of Section [33-42](#) (Permitted Obstructions) shall apply to all #buildings#, modified as follows:

- (i) the obstructions permitted by paragraph (b) of Section [33-42](#) may exceed the maximum #building# height by 40 feet with no restriction on area; and
  - (ii) no such obstructions shall be permitted within the setback required by paragraph (b)(2) of this Section.
- (5) Permitted obstructions in the Open Space Subarea

In the Open Space Subarea, permitted obstructions shall include:

- (i) #buildings or other structures# containing permitted #uses#, up to a height of not more than 25 feet;
- (ii) #buildings or other structures# containing permitted theater #uses#, up to a height of not more than 35 feet; and
- (iii) equipment and appurtenances associated with public parks and playgrounds, including, but not limited to, sculptures, works of art and other amenities referenced in Section [37-726](#) (Permitted obstructions).

The permitted obstructions set forth in paragraphs (b)(5)(i) and (b)(5)(ii) of this Section shall occupy no more than 20 percent of the Open Space Subarea.

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## **134-25 - Maximum Floor Plate Size**

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Within the Southern Subdistrict, the maximum area and length of any #story# shall be as specified in this Section, as applicable.

Within the Eastern Subarea, the maximum length of a #building# at any height shall be 400 feet, as measured parallel to the

#street line#. For the purposes of the Section, #abutting# #buildings# shall be considered a single #building#. However, #buildings# that only #abut# via an enclosed bridge that is located at least 30 feet above the adjoining grade, and that has a width of not more than 30 feet, length of not more than 60 feet and a height not exceeding 15 feet, shall not be considered a single #building#.

For any #story# fully above a height of 125 feet, the following provisions shall apply. Where a #building# has multiple portions above such height, the maximum size requirements shall apply to each portion separately.

- (a) In the Eastern Subarea, no #story# shall be permitted to have a gross area in excess of 30,000 square feet.
- (b) In the Western Subarea, no #story# shall be permitted to have a gross area in excess of 27,000 square feet.

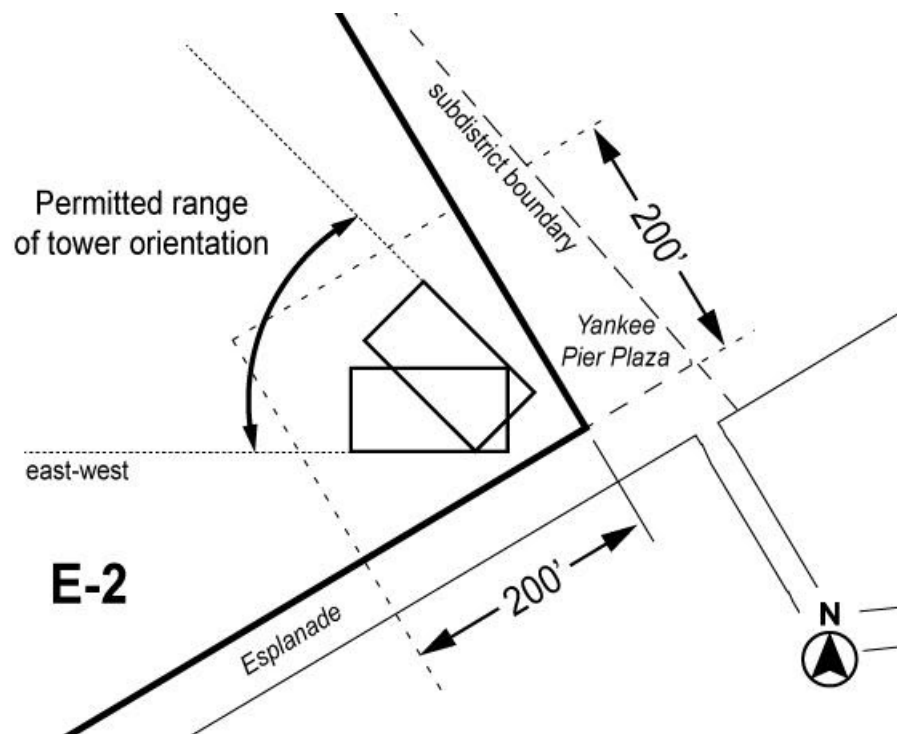
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## 134-26 - Orientation and Maximum Widths of Upper Portions of Buildings

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On #building parcel# E-2, within 200 feet of #Yankee Pier Plaza# and 200 feet of the #esplanade#, the longest side of any portion of a #building# located within this area, and above a height of 125 feet, shall be oriented parallel to the boundary of the Northern Subdistrict, true East-West, or anywhere between these two directions.

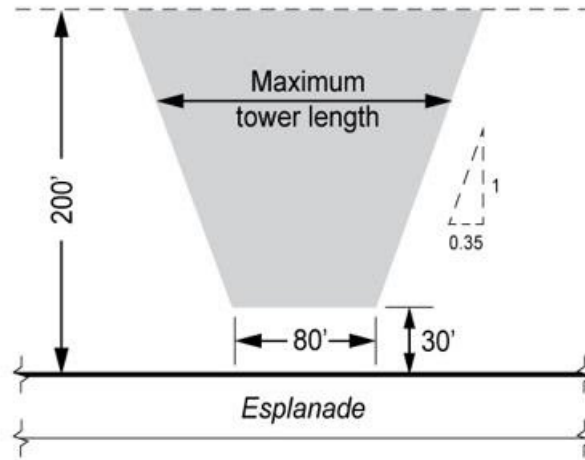


On the portion of #building parcel# E-2 that is beyond 200 feet of #Yankee Pier Plaza#, and on #building parcels# E-3 and E-4, for portions of #buildings# above a height of 125 feet, the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section shall apply where no #story# within such portion has a gross area greater than or equal to 20,000 square feet, and the provisions of paragraph (b) shall apply where any #story# within such portion has a gross area greater than 20,000 square feet.

- (a) For floor plates less than 20,000 square feet

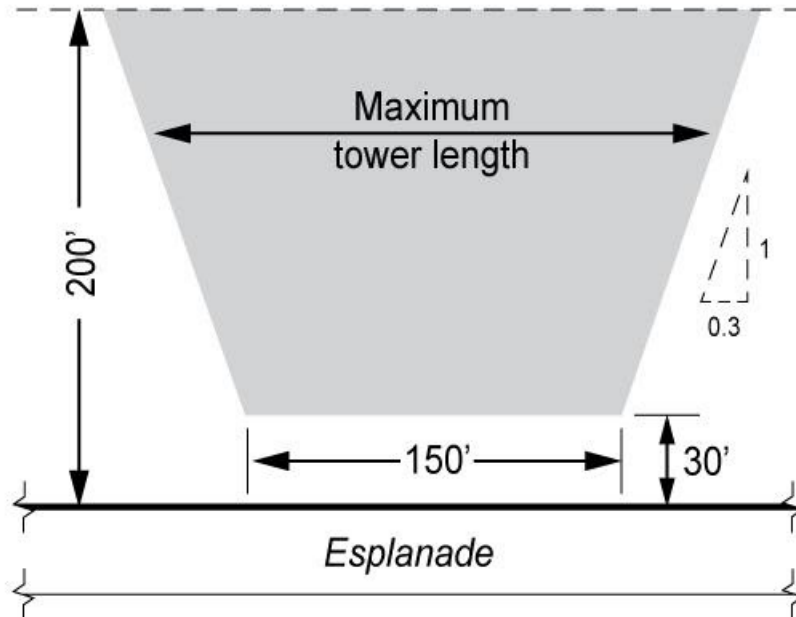
Within 200 feet of the #esplanade#, the maximum length of any #street walls# facing the #esplanade# shall be 80 feet along a line running 30 feet from and parallel to the #esplanade# and the maximum length shall increase on each side by 0.35 feet for every one foot of additional distance beyond the line running 30 feet from and parallel to the #esplanade#.





(b) For floor plates equal to or greater than 20,000 square feet

Within 200 feet of the #esplanade#, the maximum length of any #street walls# facing the #esplanade# shall be 150 feet along a line running 30 feet from and parallel to the #esplanade# and the maximum length shall increase on each side by 0.3 feet for every one foot of additional distance beyond the line running 30 feet from and parallel to the #esplanade#.



### 134-27 - Minimum Distance Between Buildings

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Within the Southern Subdistrict, the requirements of this Section shall apply to all #buildings#.

(a) No separation shall be required between portions of #buildings# that are less than or equal to a height of 75 feet, except as set forth in paragraph (d) of this Section.

However, in the Eastern Subarea, where the total #street wall# width of all #buildings# along a single #street line#

exceeds 400 feet along such #street line#, such #buildings# shall be at least 30 feet apart.

- (b) Portions of #buildings# located above a height of 75 feet and below 125 feet shall at no point be located less than 60 feet apart.
- (c) Portions of #buildings# located at or above a height of 125 feet shall at no point be located less than 90 feet apart.
- (d) The regulations of Sections [23-70](#) (MINIMUM REQUIRED DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO OR MORE BUILDINGS ON A SINGLE ZONING LOT) and [23-80](#) (COURT REGULATIONS, MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN WINDOWS AND WALLS OR LOT LINES AND OPEN AREA REQUIREMENTS) shall apply to any portion of a #building# containing #residences# or #community facility uses# containing living accommodations with required windows, except where more stringent requirements apply pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Section.

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## **134-28 - Building Articulation**

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Within the Southern Subdistrict, any portion of a #building# that is located at or below a height of 75 feet, and has a #street wall# width greater than 200 feet, as measured parallel to the #street line#, shall provide recesses in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) recesses shall be required to extend along at least 25 percent of the #street wall# width that is in excess of 200 feet. No required recess shall have a width of less than 10 feet;
- (b) such recesses shall have an average depth of at least 10 feet;
- (c) such recesses may be of varying dimensions and heights, provided that the requirements of this Section are met at each level of the #building#.

No articulation shall be required where frontage requirements apply pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of Section [134-24](#) (Height and Setback Regulations).

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## **134-29 - Authorization for Bulk Modifications in the Southern Subdistrict**

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The City Planning Commission may authorize modification of the provisions of Sections [134-25](#) through [134-28](#), provided that the Commission finds that such modification:

- (a) will promote the goals of the #Special Governors Island District#; and
- (b) will result in a superior urban design relationship with surrounding ways, #buildings# and public open areas or provide an equivalent or better distribution of #bulk# on the #building parcel#.

Any application pursuant to this Section shall be referred to the local Community Board. The Commission shall not grant such authorization prior to forty-five (45) days following the referral.