Zoning Resolution

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116-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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The "Special Stapleton Waterfront 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) encourage design of development that is in character with the neighborhood and surrounding community;

(b) maintain and reestablish physical and visual public access to and along the waterfront;

(c) strengthen the traditional town center of Stapleton by allowing the development of residential and commercial uses;

(d) encourage the creation of a lively and attractive environment that will provide daily amenities and services for the use and enjoyment of the working population and the new residents;

(e) take maximum advantage of the beauty of the New York Harbor waterfront, thereby best serving the business community, the residential population and providing regional recreation; and

(f) promote the most desirable use of land and thus conserve and enhance the value of land and buildings, and thereby protect City tax revenues.

116-01 - Definitions

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For the purposes of this Chapter, matter in italics is defined in Sections 12-10 (DEFINITIONS), 32-301 (Definitions), or in this Section.

Esplanade

The "Esplanade" is a park extending along portions of the waterfront edges of the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District#. The #Esplanade# is shown in the District Plan, Map 1 (Special Stapleton Waterfront District, Subareas and Public Spaces), in Appendix A of this Chapter.

Mandatory front building wall

A "mandatory front building wall" is the front wall of a #building# that generally coincides with a #mandatory front building wall line#, as provided in Section 116-232 (Street wall location).

Mandatory front building wall line

"Mandatory front building wall lines" are imaginary lines extending through Subarea B of the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District# which are shown on Map 3 (Mandatory Front Building Wall Lines) in

Appendix A of this Chapter, and with which #building# walls must generally coincide, as provided in Section 116-232.

Pier Place, the Cove

"Pier Place" and the "Cove" are designated open spaces accessible to the public, located within the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District# as shown in the District Plan, Map 1, in Appendix A of this Chapter.

Shore public walkway

A "shore public walkway" is a linear public access area along the shore or water edges of a #platform# on a #waterfront zoning lot#.

Upland connection

An "upland connection" is a pedestrian way which provides a public access route from the #Esplanade# or a #shore public walkway# to a public sidewalk within a public #street#. Required #upland connections# are shown in the District Plan, Map 5 (Upland Connections and Visual Corridors), in Appendix A of this Chapter

Visual corridor

A "visual corridor" is a public #street# or tract of land within a #block# that provides a direct and unobstructed view to the water from a vantage point within a public #street#. Required #visual corridors# are shown in the District Plan, Map 5 and Map 6 (Location of Visual Corridor in Subarea

E) in Appendix A of this Chapter.

116-02 - General Provisions

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In harmony with the general purposes and content of this Resolution and the general purposes of the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District#, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all #developments#, #enlargements# and changes of #use# within the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District#. The regulations of all other Chapters of this Resolution are applicable except as modified, supplemented or superseded 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#, 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.

Within the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District#, the regulations of the underlying R6, C2-2, C4-2A and M2-1 Districts shall apply, as modified in this Chapter.

116-03 - District Plan

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The District Plan for the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District# identifies specific areas comprising the Special District in which special zoning regulations are established in order to carry out the general purposes of the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District#.

These areas shall include Subareas A, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, C, D and E, the #Esplanade# and two designated public open spaces: #Pier Place# and the #Cove#. In addition, Subareas B and E shall include #upland connections# and Subarea E shall include a #shore public walkway#.

The District Plan includes the following maps in Appendix A of this Chapter.

Map 1 Special Stapleton Waterfront District, Subareas and Public Spaces

Map 2 Ground Floor Use and Frontage Requirements

Map 3 Mandatory Front Building Wall Lines

Map 4 Restricted Curb Cut and Off-Street Loading Locations

Map 5 Upland Connections and Visual Corridors

Map 6 Location of Visual Corridor in Subarea E

The maps are hereby incorporated and made part of this Resolution for the purpose of specifying locations where the special regulations and requirements set forth in the text of this Chapter shall apply.

116-04 - Subareas

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In order to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Chapter, the following subareas are established within the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District#: Subarea A, Subarea B, comprised of Subareas B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5, Subareas C, D and E, the #Esplanade#, #Pier Place# and the #Cove#. In each of these subareas, special regulations apply that may not apply in other subareas.

116-05 - Applicability

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In Subareas A, B and C, the #Esplanade#, #Pier Place# and the #Cove#, the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 2 (Special Regulations Applying in the Waterfront Area), shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the special #use#, #bulk#, #accessory# off-street parking, public access and urban design regulations of Sections 116-10 through 116-50 shall apply.

In Subarea D, the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 2 shall apply pursuant to the underlying M2-1 District regulations.

In Subarea E, the underlying provisions of Article VI, Chapter 2 shall apply, except as modified in Section 116-60 (SPECIAL REGULATIONS IN SUBAREA E), inclusive. In addition, the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4 (Special Regulations Applying in Flood Zones), shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the provisions of Section 116-623 (Height and setback regulations), shall apply.

#Lower density growth management area# regulations shall not apply in the #Special Stapleton Waterfront District#.