



Zoning Resolution

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102-01 - Definitions

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Definitions specially applicable to this Chapter are set forth in this Section. The definitions of other defined terms are as set forth in Section [12-10 \(DEFINITIONS\)](#).

Scenic view

A "scenic view" is an outstanding or unique view from a mapped #public park# or an esplanade or a mapped public place which is protected by the regulations of this Chapter. #Scenic views# shall be limited to:

- (a) distant landscapes of scenic grandeur which contain natural features such as hills, palisades or similar features;
- (b) outstanding views of large bodies of water such as rivers, streams, lakes, harbors, waterfalls or similar aquatic features; or
- (c) panoramic views of the waterfront profile of the skyline formed by built and natural elements.

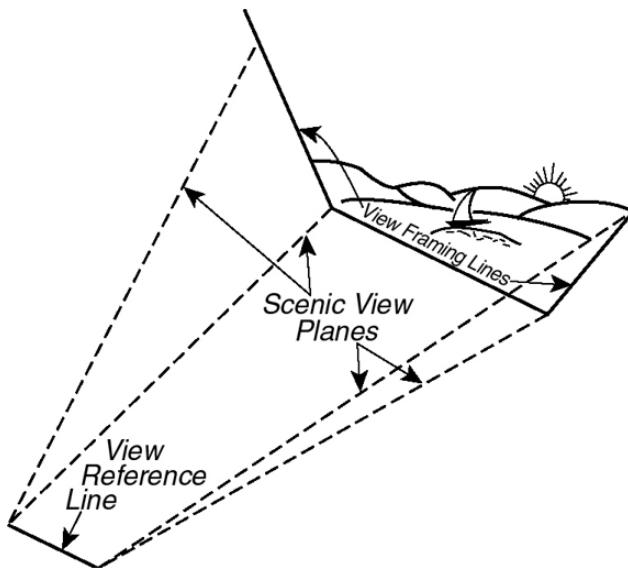
The minimum horizontal distance between the #scenic view# and a #view reference line# shall be at least 1,500 feet and shall not contain distractions which reduce the quality of such view. The specific view to be preserved under the regulation of this #Special Scenic View District# shall be described and made part of this Chapter.

View framing line

The "view framing line" is a line or lines which establish the outer edge of the #scenic view# to be protected. For each #scenic view#, the #view framing line# or #lines# and their elevation are to be located and identified and made part of this Chapter.

View plane

A "view plane" is an imaginary plane above which no obstruction shall be permitted within a #Special Scenic View District# unless authorized by the City Planning Commission. Position of the #view plane# may be conical surfaces. Such #view plane# or #planes# are established by joining the #view reference line# with the #view framing lines# as illustrated below:



#View planes# and their elevation, length and slopes applicable to each #Special Scenic View District# are to be located and identified and made part of this Chapter.

View reference line

The "view reference line" is a line within a mapped #public park# or an esplanade or a mapped public place from which at any point an outstanding #scenic view# may be observed. A #view reference

line# and its elevation applicable to each #Special Scenic View District# are to be located and identified and made part of this Chapter.

The mapped #public park# or an esplanade or a mapped public place in which such #view reference line# is located shall be directly accessible from a #street#.