Zoning Resolution

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115-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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The "Special Downtown Jamaica District" established in this Resolution is designed to promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the Downtown Jamaica community. These general goals include, among others, the following specific purposes:

(a) to strengthen Downtown Jamaica and its nearby major corridors by promoting the establishment of mixed-use, transit-oriented growth hubs;

(b) to enhance neighborhood economic diversity by broadening the range of housing choices at varied incomes;

(c) to create a lively and attractive built environment that will provide amenities and services for the use and enjoyment of area residents, workers and visitors;

(d) to encourage designs of new buildings that support the neighborhood's character;

(e) to establish walkable retail corridors in the neighborhood;

(f) to support industrial growth in manufacturing districts that are appropriate near certain residential districts; and

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

115-01 - General Provisions

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In harmony with the general purposes and content of this Resolution and the general purposes of the #Special Downtown Jamaica District#, the regulations of this Chapter shall apply within the #Special Downtown Jamaica 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 The regulations of all other chapters of this Resolution are applicable except as modified, supplemented or superseded by the provisions of this Chapter.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, for #transit-adjacent sites# or #qualifying transit improvement sites#, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 6 (Special Regulations Applying Around Mass Transit Stations), the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 6 shall control.

115-02 - Definitions

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For the purposes of this Chapter, matters in italics are defined in Sections 12-10 (DEFINITIONS), 32-301 (Definitions), and 66-11 (Definitions), except where explicitly stated otherwise in individual provisions in this Chapter.

115-03 - District Plan and Maps

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The regulations of this Chapter implement the #Special Downtown Jamaica District# Plan.

The District Plan includes the following maps in the Appendix to this Chapter:

Map 1 Special Downtown Jamaica District

Map 2 Streetscape Regulations

Map 3 Sidewalk Widening

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 apply.

115-04 - Subdistricts

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To carry out the provisions of this Chapter, the Core Subdistrict is established. The location and boundaries of this Subdistrict is shown on Map 1 (Special Downtown Jamaica District) in the Appendix to this Chapter.

115-05 - Applicability of the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Program

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For the purposes of applying the Inclusionary Housing Program provisions set forth in Section 27-10 (ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING), inclusive, #Mandatory Inclusionary Housing areas# within the #Special Downtown Jamaica District# are shown on the maps in APPENDIX F of this Resolution.

115-06 - Applicability of Article XII, Chapter 3

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In the #Special Downtown Jamaica District#, M1 Districts are paired with a #Residence District#. In paired districts, the special #use#, #bulk#, and parking and loading provisions of Article XII, Chapter 3 (Special Mixed Use District) shall apply, except where modified by the provisions of this Chapter.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 123-10 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of Article XII, Chapter 3, the provisions of this Chapter shall control.