Zoning Resolution

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127-42 - Publicly Accessible Private Streets

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The provisions of this Section, inclusive, shall apply to any #development#, as defined in Section 62-11 (Definitions), on a #zoning lot# that contains any portion of a required #publicly accessible private street#.

127-421 - Requirements for publicly accessible private streets

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#Publicly accessible private streets# shall be:

(a) accessible to the public at all times, except when required to be closed for repairs, and for no more than one day each year in order to preserve the private ownership of such area. Where an #upland connection# is designated on a #publicly accessible private street# as specified on Map 6 (Waterfront Access Plan: Public Access Areas) in the Appendix to this Chapter, the provisions of this paragraph shall supersede the hours of access provisions applicable to an #upland connection#;

(b) constructed to the dimensions specified on Map 2 (Publicly Accessibly Private Street Network) in the Appendix to this Chapter and be constructed to Department of Transportation standards for public #streets# including, but not limited to, sidewalks, curb design, lighting, traffic signage, pavement materials, drainage and crosswalks. In addition, where an #upland connection# is designated on a #publicly accessible private street# as specified on Maps 7 and 8

(Phase I and Phase II Waterfront Public Access Improvements, respectively) in the Appendix to this Chapter, the #upland connection# design requirements of Section 62-60 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), inclusive, shall apply; and

(c) constructed with sidewalks that have a minimum clear path of eight feet along their #street lines#, except where an #upland connection# is designated on a #publicly accessible private street#. Such sidewalks shall be provided with street trees in accordance with the provisions of Section 26-41 (Street Tree Planting), except that such street trees shall be planted within a street tree pit or a raised planting bed, with at least 180 cubic feet of soil for each tree, and with a minimum horizontal width of four feet and vertical depth of 3 feet 6 inches, and such planting pit or raised planting bed shall be located adjacent to, and extend along the curb.

127-422 - Certification for publicly accessible private streets

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Where a #publicly accessible private street# is designated entirely within a #zoning lot#, the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section shall apply. Where a #publicly accessible private street# is designated on two or more #zoning lots# and the design and construction of adjoining portions of the #publicly accessible private street# may not be finalized, the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section shall apply. The provisions of paragraph (b) provide for certification of such portions of a #publicly accessible private street# in accordance with an #interim site plan# that satisfies the requirements of the New York City Fire Code; a #conceptual plan# for portions of the #publicly accessible private street# on other #zoning lots# that will be certified and constructed at a later time; and a #final site plan#, which will either supersede an #interim site plan# or be guided by a #conceptual plan#. The provisions of paragraph (c) shall apply to #development# on a #zoning lot# that contains any portion

of a required #publicly accessible private street#.

No building permit shall be issued for a #development# on a #zoning lot#, containing any portion of a #publicly accessible private street#, until the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission certifies, in conjunction with a certification pursuant to Section 127-54 (Special Review Provisions) to the Department of Buildings that:

(a) where the #publicly accessible private street# is designated on one #zoning lot#, or where the #publicly accessible private street# is designated on two or more #zoning lots# and such #publicly accessible private street# will be constructed in its entirety concurrently with the applicant's #development#, a #final site plan# has been submitted;

(b) where the #publicly accessible private street# is designated on two or more #zoning lots# and the portion of such #publicly accessible private street# located outside of the applicant's property will not be or has not been constructed concurrently with the applicant's #development#:

(1) if no prior certification pursuant to this Section was issued for a portion of the #publicly accessible private street# on another #zoning lot#, the Chairperson shall certify that:

(i) a #conceptual plan# has been submitted for the #publicly accessible private street#. In addition, certified mailing of notification that the applicant is seeking to commence construction of such #publicly accessible private street# shall be given to all other owners whose property contains any remaining portion of such #publicly accessible private street#, along with a copy of such #conceptual plan#;

(ii) a #final site plan# for the applicant's #zoning lot# has been submitted showing compliance with the design standards of Section 127-421 (Requirements for publicly accessible private streets). In addition, where compliance with the fire apparatus access road requirements, set forth in the New York City Fire Code, require modifications to the design standards of Section 127-421, an #interim site plan# has been submitted that deviates from such design standards to the minimum extent necessary; and

(iii) the grading proposed in the #final site plan#, #conceptual plan# and #interim site plan# have been certified pursuant to Section 127-61.

Property owners of #zoning lots# containing any remaining portion of the #publicly accessible private street# shall have up to 30 days from the date of the applicant's certified mailing of the notification required in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this Section to respond to the applicant and to confirm for the Chairperson that the construction of the entire #publicly accessible private street# is not feasible concurrently with the applicant's #development#. In the event that such notified property owners do not respond to the applicant and the Chairperson within the 30-day period, the applicant may proceed with completing this certification. Where a notified property owner responds that it is feasible to complete the portion of the #publicly accessible private street# on such owner's #zoning lot# concurrently with the applicant's portion, such property owner shall commence certification pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Section within 45 days from the date of submitting such response. In the event such notified property owners do not commence such certification within the 45-day period, the applicant may proceed with completing this certification.

In addition, where construction of #publicly accessible private streets# will not occur concurrently on the adjoining #zoning lot#, property owners of #zoning lots#

containing any remaining portion of the #publicly accessible private street# shall have up to 45 days from the date of submitting their response to comment on any anticipated practical difficulties associated with the proposed location, dimensions and grading specified in the #conceptual plan# that would preclude the reasonable development of such owner's property. Any submission of comments to the applicant and Chairperson shall include documentation from a licensed architect, landscape architect, or engineer, as applicable, that demonstrates the reason for such anticipated practical difficulties.

Copies of the approved #conceptual plan#, as well as the certified #interim site plan# and #final site plan# shall be forwarded to all property owners of a #zoning lot# containing any remaining portion of the #publicly accessible private street#.

Any portion of the #publicly accessible private street# constructed in compliance with a certified #interim site plan# shall be converted to the final design in compliance with the certified #final site plan# for such portion upon receiving notice from an adjoining property owner as set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this Section that the remaining portion of the #publicly accessible private street# has been substantially completed and opened to the public.

(2) If a prior certification pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this Section was issued for a portion of a #publicly accessible private street# on another #zoning lot#, the Chairperson shall certify that:

(i) a #final site plan# for the applicant's #zoning lot# has been submitted that is consistent with the #conceptual plan# from the prior certification; and

(ii) the proposed amenities and design elements within the #final site plan# in the applicant's portion of a #publicly accessible private street# shall match or complement those that were previously constructed.

Upon substantial completion by applicant of its portion of the #publicly accessible private street# that has been constructed pursuant to a certified #interim site plan# and the opening of such portion to the public, notice shall be provided to any property owner of a #zoning lot# containing a portion of such #publicly accessible private street#. Such notice shall be provided to enable such other owner sufficient time, as shall be specified in the restrictive declaration required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section, to convert any constructed interim condition and complete the #publicly accessible private street# in compliance with the previously approved #final site plan#; and

(c) a restrictive declaration has been executed and recorded against the applicant's #zoning lot# in accordance with the provisions of Section 127-423 (Restrictive declaration). Required site plans, the #conceptual plan# and a maintenance and capital repair plan for the #publicly accessible private street# shall be included as exhibits to the restrictive declaration.

No temporary or final certificate of occupancy shall be issued until the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission notifies the Department of Buildings that the proposed #publicly accessible private street#, or portion thereof, has been substantially completed in compliance with the certified #interim site plan# or #final site plan#, and is open to the public. In addition, where a property owner seeks certification pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of this Section, no temporary or final certificate of occupancy shall be issued until interim portions of the #publicly accessible private street# are completed in compliance with the previously approved #final site plan# for such portions.

127-423 - Restrictive declaration

For any #publicly accessible private street# proposed for certification pursuant to Section 127-422 (Certification for a publicly accessible private street), a restrictive declaration shall be provided to ensure the proper construction, improvement, operation, maintenance and repair of the roadbed and any sidewalk adjacent to the roadbed. Adequate security shall be specified in such declaration to ensure that the #publicly accessible private street# is maintained in accordance with the declaration. The restrictive declaration shall further specify that the #publicly accessible private street# shall not be used for any other purposes than #street#-related purposes, including, but not limited to, pedestrian and vehicular circulation, and shall be publicly accessible at all times. To ensure proper #street# use and provide enforcement, in accordance with the parking provisions set forth in the restrictive declaration, executed contracts with a security monitoring and a towing company shall be required prior to the issuance of a temporary certificate of occupancy. In addition, a reserve account with sufficient funds for the maintenance and capital repair of the constructed #publicly accessible private street# shall be maintained at all times. Such reserves, contracts, and the required maintenance and repair shall be the responsibility of a Property Owner's Association that will oversee the management and maintenance of the #publicly accessible private streets#, upon the development on two or more #zoning lots#, and include as members all property owners of #zoning lots# bordering or containing the completed #publicly accessible private streets#. Filing and recording of the restrictive declaration shall be a precondition to the Chairperson's certification under Section 127-422.

Such restrictive declaration shall be prepared in a form acceptable to the Department of City Planning, filed and duly recorded in the Borough Office of the Register of the City of New York, and indexed against the property. The restrictive declaration and any maintenance and operation agreement shall run with the land and be binding on the owners, successors and assigns.

In addition, the portions of the #publicly accessible private streets# on a #developed# #zoning lot# shall be recorded on the certificate of occupancy for such #building# by the Department of Buildings. The recording information of the restrictive declaration shall be included on the certificate of occupancy for any #building#, or portion thereof, issued after the recording date.

127-424 - Certification for zoning lot subdivision

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In conjunction with a certification pursuant to Section 62-812 (Zoning lot subdivision), a #zoning lot# that existed before December 10, 2020, containing any portion of #publicly accessible private street# may be subdivided into two or more #zoning lots# or reconfigured in a manner that would reduce its area or dimension, provided that the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission certifies that the provisions of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of such Section are satisfied as to #waterfront public access area#, #visual corridors# and #publicly accessible private streets#, respectively. For the purposes of applying such provisions, the regulations pertaining to #waterfront public access areas# and #visual corridors# shall also be applied to #publicly accessible private streets#.