



Zoning Resolution

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64-623 - Special height regulations for non-complying buildings

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For #buildings or other structures# that are #non-complying# with the applicable district height and setback regulations, the maximum height of such altered, #enlarged#, relocated or reconstructed #building or other structure#, shall not exceed the height permitted pursuant to either paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, as applicable. An alteration, #enlargement#, relocation or reconstruction pursuant to this Section may continue an existing #non-compliance#, increase the degree of an existing #non-compliance#, or create a new #non-compliance# with height and setback regulations, and may continue or increase a #non-compliance# with other #bulk# regulations associated with such #non-complying# height, subject to the limitations of this Section. All permitted obstruction allowances shall be measured with respect to the modified envelopes of this Section.

(a) For pre-existing #buildings or other structures# that do not exceed the overall permitted height

Where the height of a pre-existing #building or other structure# does not exceed the overall height permitted by the applicable district regulations, as measured from the top of the #lowest usable floor# to the highest point of such pre-existing #building#, the height of such altered, #enlarged#, relocated or reconstructed #building or other structure# shall not exceed:

- (1) the applicable #sky exposure plane#, for #buildings# governed by #sky exposure planes# as measured from the #reference plane#; or
- (2) a horizontal plane equivalent to the maximum #building# height permitted by the applicable district for all other #buildings# as measured from the #reference plane#.

(b) For pre-existing #buildings or other structures# that exceed the overall permitted height

Where the height of a pre-existing #building or other structure# exceeds the overall height permitted by the applicable district regulations, as measured from the top of the #lowest usable floor# to the highest point of such pre-existing #building#:

- (1) the height of such altered, #enlarged#, relocated or reconstructed #building or other structure# as measured from the #reference plane# shall not exceed a horizontal plane equivalent to the pre-existing height of such #building#, as measured from the top of the #lowest usable floor#, to the highest point of such pre-existing #building#, provided also that such height shall not exceed the overall height permitted by the applicable district regulations by 10 percent, or 10 feet, whichever is less; and
- (2) for #buildings# or other #structures# subject to the regulations of Section [23-421](#) (Basic pitched-roof envelopes for certain districts), where the degree of the alteration or reconstruction exceeds 75 percent of the #floor area#, the height of a perimeter wall of such altered, #enlarged#, relocated or reconstructed #building or other structure# as measured from the #reference plane# shall not exceed the higher of the maximum perimeter wall height for the district, or the pre-existing height of such perimeter wall, as measured from the top of the #lowest usable floor# to the highest point in such pre-existing #building# before setback.

However, the height allowances of this Section shall not apply to #single# or #two-family residences# that are not #non-complying# with #floor area# requirements, or where the provisions of paragraph (b) of Section [64-622](#) (Special open area regulations for non-complying buildings) are utilized.