Zoning Resolution

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94-20 - DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAZAS

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Where a plaza within the #Special Sheepshead Bay District# is provided in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, such plaza shall comply with the applicable minimum design standards set forth in this Section.

(a) Design criteria

(1) Basic design criteria

Plazas shall comply with the standards set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Sections 37-715 (Requirements for major portions of public plazas), 37-716 (Requirements for minor portions of public plazas), and 37-718 (Paving).

(2) Access and circulation

Plazas shall meet the requirements set forth in Section 37-721 (Sidewalk frontage), and Sections 37-723 (Circulation paths) through 37-726 (Permitted obstructions), inclusive. Hours of access shall be governed by Section 37-727 (Hours of access). Accessibility for persons with disabilities shall be provided in compliance with Section 37-728 (Standards of accessibility for persons with disabilities).

Plazas shall be located no lower than #curb level#.

(3) Kiosks and open air cafes

Kiosks or open air cafes shall meet the operational and service requirements as set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 37-73 (Kiosks and Open Air Cafes), as applicable. In addition, kiosks may be placed on plazas upon certification by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission as set forth in paragraph (c) of Section 37-73.

(4) Seating

Seating shall meet the minimum and maximum dimensional standards set forth in paragraphs (1) through (7) of Section 37-741 (Seating).

(5) Planting and trees

Plazas shall provide planting areas in compliance with Section 37-742 (Planting and trees). All planted areas shall consist of salt-tolerant species recommended by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

(6) Lighting and electrical power

All plazas shall provide lighting and electrical power pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 37-743 (Lighting and electrical power).

(7) Litter receptacles

All plazas shall provide litter receptacles pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 37-744 (Litter receptacles).

(8) Bicycle parking

All plazas shall provide bicycle parking pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 37-745 (Bicycle parking).

(9) Drinking fountains

A minimum of one drinking fountain shall be provided in all plazas.

(10) Signs

All plazas shall provide entry and information plaques that contain the words "Open to the public" and information regarding the hours of access. Prohibition and accessory signage may be provided pursuant to the standards set forth in Sections 37-752 (Prohibition signs) and 37-753 (Accessory signs).

(b) Maintenance

The owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of all plazas, including, but not limited to, litter control, management of pigeons and rodents, maintenance of required lighting levels, and the care and replacement of furnishings and vegetation within the #zoning lot#.

(c) Compliance

Plazas shall be governed by the compliance requirements of Section 94-13 (Certification).