Zoning Resolution

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139-21 - Floor Area Regulations

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Basic #floor area# regulations are established in Section 139-211. Such regulations may be modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

The basic maximum #floor area ratios# may be increased for certain #zoning lots# pursuant to Sections 139-212 (Gowanus mix) and 139-213 (Special floor area provisions for transit improvements).

Special regulations for #community facility floor area# on #zoning lots# containing #schools# are set forth in Section 139-214 (Special floor area provisions for zoning lots containing schools).

Special regulations for certain #zoning lots# are set forth in Section 139-215 (Special floor area provisions for zoning lots containing comfort stations) and 139-216 (Special floor area provisions for street improvements).

For the purposes of applying the provisions of Section 64-322 (Special floor area modifications for flood-resistant buildings), #primary frontages# shall be the locations designated on Map 3 in the Appendix to this Chapter.

139-211 - Basic floor area regulations

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The maximum #floor area# regulations for each district in the #Special Gowanus Mixed Use District# shall be as set forth in the table in this Section.

Row A establishes the maximum #residential# #floor area ratio# for #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing#.

Row B establishes a maximum #floor area ratio# for #community facility uses#, other than #select community facility uses#.

Row C sets forth the maximum #floor area ratio# for #select community facility uses# only. In addition, special regulations for #schools# are set forth in Section 139-214.

Row D establishes a maximum #floor area ratio# for #Gowanus retail and entertainment uses# only.

Row E establishes a maximum #floor area ratio# for all #commercial uses#, inclusive of #Gowanus retail and entertainment uses#.

Row F sets forth the maximum #floor area ratio# for #manufacturing# uses.

MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO

		C4-4D	M1-4		M1-4 / R6B	M1-4 / R6A	M1-4 / R7A	M1-4 / R7-2	M1-4 / R7X
			Subarea B1	Subarea B2					
A	Maximum #FAR# for #residential uses# for #MIH Sites#	8.5	-	-	2.2	3.6	4.6	4.4	5.4

B	Maximum #FAR# for #community facility uses#	6.5	3.6	2.7	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
C	Maximum #FAR# for #select community facility uses#	6.5	4.8	4.8	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
D	Maximum #FAR# for #Gowanus retail and entertainment uses#	3.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
E	Maximum #FAR# for #commercial uses#	3.4	3.6[1]	2.7[2]	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0
F	Maximum #FAR# for #manufacturing uses#	-	3.6[1]	2.7[2]	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0

1 In #Manufacturing Districts# within Subarea B1, #commercial# and #manufacturing uses# which are also #Gowanus mix uses# shall have a maximum #floor area ratio# of 4.0.

2 In #Manufacturing Districts# within Subarea B2, #commercial# and #manufacturing uses# which are also #Gowanus mix uses# shall have a maximum #floor area ratio# of 3.0.

139-212 - Gowanus mix

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In M1 Districts paired with R7-2 or R7X Districts, the provisions of this Section may be utilized to increase the maximum #floor area ratio# set forth Section 139-211 (Basic floor area regulations).

(a) Inclusion of #Gowanus mix uses#

For #zoning lots# with #buildings# containing both #residential# #uses# and #Gowanus mix uses#, the maximum #floor area ratio# may be increased by the amount of #Gowanus mix uses# provided on the #zoning lot#, up to a #floor area ratio# of 0.3.

(b) Inclusion of both #Gowanus mix uses# and non-#residential# #uses#

For #zoning lots# utilizing the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, the maximum #floor area ratio# may be further increased by the amount of non-#residential# #uses# provided on the #zoning lot#, up to a #floor area ratio# of 0.3.

(c) Compliance and recordation

A Notice of Restrictions, the form and content of which shall be satisfactory to the City Planning Commission, for a property subject to inclusion of #Gowanus mix uses# pursuant to this Section, shall be recorded against the subject tax lot in the Office of the City Register.

The filing and recordation of such Notice of Restrictions shall be a precondition to the issuance of any building permit utilizing the provisions set forth in this Section. The recording information shall be referenced on the first certificate of occupancy to be issued after such notice is recorded, as well as all subsequent certificates of occupancy, for as long as the restrictions remain in effect.

(d) Annual reporting for #Gowanus mix uses#

No later than June 30 of each year, beginning in the first calendar year following the calendar year in which the first temporary or final certificate of occupancy was issued for a #building#

utilizing the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, the #building# owner shall submit annually to the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission, Speaker of the City Council, and Brooklyn Community Board 6, a report on the existing conditions of #floor area# designated for #Gowanus mix uses# and include the information specified below:

(1) the date of the most recent update of this information;

(2) total #floor area# of the #Gowanus mix uses# in the #development#, pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section;

(3) the name of each establishment occupying #floor area# reserved for #Gowanus mix uses#. Such establishment name shall include that name by which the establishment does business and is known to the public. For each establishment, the amount of #floor area#, the Use Group, subgroup and specific #use# as listed in this Resolution shall also be included;

(4) contact information, including the name of the owner of the #building# and the building management entity, if different, the name of the person designated to manage the #building#, and the street address, current telephone number and e-mail address of the management office. Such names shall include the names by which the owner and manager, if different, do business and are known to the public; and

(5) all prior periodic notification information required pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.

The report shall be submitted by any method, including e-mail or other electronic means, acceptable to the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission.

#Floor area# provided to satisfy the requirements of Section 139-41 (Streetscape Regulations) may not be utilized to satisfy the requirements of this Section.

139-213 - Special floor area provisions for transit improvements

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In #Commercial Districts#, the #floor area ratios# set forth in Section 139-211 (Basic floor area regulations) may be increased by up to 20 percent, pursuant to the provisions of Section 139-46 (Certification for Transit Improvements). Where the #residential# #floor area ratio# is increased, such additional #floor area# shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 27-131 (Mandatory Inclusionary Housing).

139-214 - Special floor area provisions for zoning lots containing schools

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(a) As-of-right provisions

The provisions of this paragraph (a) shall apply to #zoning lots# with a #lot area# greater than 30,000 square feet, and which contain #schools# constructed in whole or in part pursuant to an agreement with the New York City School Construction Authority and subject to the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Education.

On such #zoning lots#, up to 60,000 square feet of floor space within such #school# or, in Subarea D4 up to 100,000 square feet of floor space within such #school#, shall be exempt from the definition of #floor area#.

(b) Special permit provisions

In #Manufacturing Districts# within Subareas B1 or B2, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit the allowable #community facility# #floor area ratio# for #schools# to be increased to 4.8, provided that the Board finds that the distribution of #bulk# on the #zoning lot# will not unduly obstruct the access to light and air in and to adjoining properties or public #streets#, and will result in satisfactory site planning and satisfactory urban design relationships of #buildings# to adjacent #streets# and the surrounding area. The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

139-215 - Special floor area provisions for zoning lots containing comfort stations

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For #zoning lots# containing a comfort station provided in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c)(2) of Section 139-51 (Area-wide Modifications), an area equal to 200 percent of the floor space within such comfort station may be exempted from the definition of #floor area#.

139-216 - Special floor area provisions for street improvements

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In Subareas D4, D5, and D6, for #zoning lots# containing mapped #streets#, where such mapped #streets# will be improved and opened to the public, the provisions of this Section may apply.

(a) Street area

The #lot area# of a #zoning lot# adjacent to newly improved #street# may be considered to be increased by an amount equal to the area contained within the bed of such #street#, as measured from the centerline of such #street# to the #street line# adjoining the #zoning lot#.

(b) Transfer of #floor area#

#Residential floor area# may be transferred from a granting site to a receiving site located directly across the newly improved #street#, and may exceed the maximum #floor area ratio# permitted on the receiving site, provided that:

(1) the owners of the granting site and the receiving site shall jointly notify the Department of City Planning, in writing, of their intent to transfer #residential# #floor area#. Such notification shall include a site plan showing the conditions and #floor area# calculations for the granting site and the receiving site, before and after the transfer;

(2) no building permit shall be issued by the Department of Buildings for a #building# on a receiving site containing any such transferred #residential# #floor area# until the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission has certified to the Department of Buildings that plans submitted to the Department of City Planning comply with the requirements of this Section; and

(3) no certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Department of Buildings for any portion of a #building# utilizing the transferred #residential# #floor area# until the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission certifies to the Department of Buildings that such #building# has been constructed in accordance with the plan certified by the Chairperson pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of this Section.

Notices of restrictions shall be filed by the owners of the granting site and the receiving site in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, indexed against the granting site and the

receiving site(s), certified copies of which shall be submitted to the Department of City Planning. Notice by the Department of City Planning of its receipt of certified copies thereof shall be a condition to issuance of a building permit for a #building# on the receiving site containing any such transferred #residential# #floor area#.

The transfer of #residential# #floor area#, once completed, shall irrevocably reduce the maximum #residential# #floor area# permitted on the granting site. Any #building# on a receiving site that uses the #residential# #floor area# so transferred shall comply with all other applicable #bulk# regulations of this Chapter.