Zoning Resolution

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115-50 - SPECIAL APPROVALS

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115-51 - Special Permit to Modify Use or Bulk Regulations

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For any #zoning lot# within the #Special Downtown Jamaica District#, the City Planning Commission may permit modification of the #use# or #bulk# regulations, except #floor area ratio# provisions, provided the Commission shall find that such:

(a) #use# or #bulk# modification will aid in achieving the general purposes and intent of the Special District;

(b) #use# modification will encourage a lively pedestrian environment along the #street# or mandatory sidewalk widening, or is necessary for, and the only practicable way to achieve, the programmatic requirements of the development;

(c) #bulk# modifications will enhance the distribution of #bulk# on the #zoning lot#;

(d) #bulk# modifications will permit adequate access of light and air to surrounding #streets# and properties; and

(e) #use# or #bulk# modification will relate harmoniously to the character of the surrounding area.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

115-52 - Authorization for a Public Plaza

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In #Commercial Districts# with a #residential equivalent# of an R9 or R10 District, or in M1 Districts paired with an R9 or R10 District, for #zoning lots# with a #lot area# of at least 25,000 square feet, the City Planning Commission may authorize an increase in the maximum #floor area ratio# where a #public plaza# is provided on the #zoning lot# in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-70 (PUBLIC PLAZAS), inclusive.

In conjunction with such #floor area# bonus, the Commission may authorize modifications to the applicable #bulk# regulations of this Resolution, or to the regulations governing #public plazas# in Section 37-70, inclusive.

In order to grant such authorization, the Commission shall determine that the conditions and limitations of paragraph (a) and the findings of paragraph (b) are met.

(a) Conditions and limitations

The following conditions and limitations shall apply:

(1) for the purposes of determining the bonus ratio to follow:

(i) for #Commercial Districts# with a #residential equivalent# of an R9 District, or M1 Districts paired with an R9 District, the underlying bonus ratio for a C6-3

District shall apply; and

(ii) for #Commercial Districts# with a #residential equivalent# of an R10 District, or M1 Districts paired with an R10 District, the underlying bonus ratio for a C6-4 District shall apply.

The #floor area# bonus resulting from applying such ratio shall not exceed 20 percent of the maximum #floor area ratio# otherwise permitted by the applicable district regulations;

(2) modifications to the maximum permitted #building# height shall not result in an increase that exceeds 25 percent of the maximum #building# height otherwise permitted by the applicable district regulations; and

(3) modifications to the regulations governing #public plazas# shall be limited to:

(i) the basic design criteria set forth in Section 37-71, inclusive, other than the area dimensions provisions of Section 37-712;

(ii) the access and circulation provisions set forth in Section 37-72, inclusive, other than regulations for hours of access, set forth in Section 37-727; and

(iii) the types and standards for amenities, set forth in Section 37-74, inclusive.

(b) Findings

The Commission shall find that:

(1) the public benefit derived from the #public plaza# merits the amount of additional #floor area# being granted pursuant to this Section;

(2) the #public plaza# will be well-integrated with the overall pedestrian circulation network and contribute to an enhanced streetscape;

(3) any modification to #bulk# regulations are the minimum extent necessary to reasonably accommodate the #public plaza# and the additional #floor area# granted pursuant to this Section and will not unduly obstruct access to light and air to surrounding #streets# and properties; and

(4) any modification to #public plaza# regulations are the minimum extent necessary, and will better align such #public plaza# regulations with unique site configurations or with the mixed-use character of the neighborhood.

The Commission may prescribe additional appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

115-53 - Authorization for Sites Containing Schools

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For zoning lots containing #schools#, the City Planning Commission may authorize the modification of any #bulk# regulation, other than #floor area ratio#, provided that the conditions in paragraph (a) and the findings in paragraph (b) are met.

(a) Conditions

Where maximum height limitations apply, modifications to maximum #building# height limits shall not exceed 30 feet.

(b) Findings

The Commission shall find that:

(1) such #bulk# modifications are the minimum extent necessary to reasonably accommodate the #school# and other #buildings# on the #zoning lot#;

(2) the proposed modification does not impair the essential character of the surrounding area; and

(3) the proposed modification will not unduly obstruct access of light and air to surrounding #streets# or properties.