



Zoning Resolution

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Chapter 2 - Special City Island District (CD)

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112-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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2/2/2011

The "Special City Island District" established in this Resolution is designed to promote and protect public health, safety, general welfare and amenity. These general goals include, among others, the following specific purposes:

- (a) to promote and strengthen the unique character of the Special City Island District for nautical and waterfront activities by limiting permitted uses to those which complement and enhance the existing character of the Special District;
- (b) to maintain the existing low-rise residential and commercial character of the district by regulating the height of buildings;
- (c) to maintain and protect the environmental quality and "village" character of City Island Avenue by imposing special controls on building setbacks and signs; and
- (d) to promote the most desirable use of land in this area and thus to conserve the value of land and thereby protect the City's tax revenue.

112-01 - Definitions

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6/6/2024

For the purposes of this Chapter, matter in italics is defined in Sections [12-10](#), [32-301](#), or within this Section.

Development

For purposes of this Chapter, a "development" includes both #development# and #enlargement#, as defined in Section [12-10](#) (DEFINITIONS).

112-02 - General Provisions

LAST AMENDED

5/12/2021

In harmony with the general purposes of the #Special City Island District# and in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, certain specified regulations of the districts on which the #Special City Island District# is superimposed are made inapplicable and special regulations are substituted therefor. Except as modified by the express provisions of the Special District, the regulations of the underlying zoning districts remain in force. In #flood zones#, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4 (Special Regulations Applying in Flood Zones), the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4, shall control.

112-04 - Requirements for Application

LAST AMENDED

1/20/1977

An application to the City Planning Commission for the grant of a special permit under the provisions of this Chapter shall include a site plan showing the location and #use# of all #buildings# on the #zoning lot# and such other information as may be required by the Commission.

112-05 - Relationship to Public Improvement Projects

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1/20/1977

In all cases, the City Planning Commission shall deny a special permit application whenever the #development# will interfere with a public improvement project (including housing, highways, public #building# or facilities redevelopment or renewal projects, or rights-of-way for sewers, transit or other public facilities) which has been approved by the Board of Estimate, City Planning Commission or Site Selection Board as determined from the calendar of each agency issued prior to the date of the public hearing on the application for a special permit.

112-06 - District Plan

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

The District Plan for the #Special City Island District# identifies those areas within the Special District in which there are special height restrictions. The District Plan is set forth in Appendix A and is made an integral part hereof.

112-07 - Special Use Regulations

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Within the Special District, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article V, Chapter 2, where *commercial* or *manufacturing uses* are permitted by the underlying district regulations, such *commercial* or *manufacturing uses* shall be limited to those *uses* set forth in this Section. This Section shall apply to a new *use* in a *development* and to a change of *use* in an existing *building* to another *use* listed in the same or another Use Group.

112-071 - Uses permitted in C1 and C2 Districts

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Within C1 and C2 Districts, the underlying *use* provisions shall apply, except that:

- (a) *uses* listed under Use Group IV(B) shall not be permitted; and
- (b) *uses* listed under Use Group X with a size limitation, as denoted with an “S” in the Use Group table set forth in Section [32-20](#) (Use Group X – Production Uses), inclusive, shall not exceed 10,000 square feet of *floor area* per establishment.

112-072 - Uses permitted in M1 Districts

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Within M1 Districts, #uses# listed under Use Groups IV(B), IX and X shall be limited to those permitted within M1 Districts in #Special Mixed Use Districts#, as set forth in Section [123-20](#) (SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS), inclusive.

112-073 - Streetscape regulations

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The underlying #ground floor level# streetscape provisions set forth in Section [32-30](#) (STREETSCAPE REGULATIONS), inclusive, shall apply, except that:

- (a) #ground floor level# #street# frontages along City Island Avenue, between Bay Street and Carroll Street shall be considered #Tier C street frontages#, and
- (b) remaining #ground floor level# #street# frontages along City Island Avenue shall be considered #Tier B street frontages#. However, in lieu of the parking wrap and enclosure provisions of Section [32-32](#), inclusive, the provisions for #Tier A street frontages# set forth in Section [32-312](#) (Ground floor level parking restrictions) may be applied.

112-074 - Sign regulations

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In addition to meeting the #sign# regulations of the applicable underlying zoning district, all #signs# within the Special District shall meet the following restrictions:

- (a) #signs# attached to the #street wall# of a #building# shall have a vertical dimension of not more than three feet and shall have a horizontal dimension of not more than 75 percent of the #street# frontage; and
- (b) outdoor #signs# may be illuminated by indirect means only.

112-10 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS

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9/9/2004

112-11 - Special Height and Setback Regulations

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The underlying height and setback regulations shall apply, except that no #building or other structure# shall exceed a height limit of 35 feet, and the height shall be measured from the #base plane#. Such height and setback regulations may be modified only by authorization or special permit of the City Planning Commission, as applicable, pursuant to Sections [112-12](#) or [112-13](#).

112-12 - Authorization for Modification of Height and Setback Regulations

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12/5/2024

The City Planning Commission may authorize, within Area B, as shown on the District Plan Map in Appendix A, modifications of the underlying height and setback regulations, provided the Commission finds that:

- (a) the distribution of the #bulk# of the #building# on the #zoning lot# permits adequate access of light and air to the surrounding #streets# and properties and does not impair the views of and to the water;
- (b) the modification of the height of the #building# permits better site planning and distribution of #open space#; and
- (c) the height of the #building# does not exceed 35 feet.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to protect the views of and to the water and to minimize adverse effects on the surrounding area. That portion of any #zoning lot# used for boat sales, manufacture, storage or repair shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

112-13 - Special Permit for Modification of Height and Setback Regulations

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12/5/2024

The City Planning Commission may permit, within Area A, as shown on the District Plan Map in Appendix A, modifications of the underlying height and setback regulations, provided the Commission finds that:

- (a) the distribution of the #bulk# of the #building# on the #zoning lot# permits adequate access of light and air to the surrounding #streets# and properties and does not impair the views of and to the water;
- (b) the modification of the height of the #building# permits better site planning and distribution of #open space#; and
- (c) the height of the #building# does not exceed 50 feet.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to protect the views of and to the water and to minimize adverse effects on the surrounding area. That portion of any #zoning lot# used for boat sales, manufacture, storage or repair shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

112-20 - SPECIAL PARKING REGULATIONS

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112-21 - Accessory Parking for Commercial Uses

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For any #commercial# or mixed use #development# except for eating or drinking establishments, one off-street #accessory# parking space shall be provided for every 300 square feet of #commercial# #floor area#. The provisions of Section [73-45](#) (Modification of Off-site Parking Provisions) are hereby made inapplicable.

112-22 - Accessory Parking and Floor Area Requirements for Eating or Drinking Establishments

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After July 10, 1985, for any #development#, #extension# or change of #use# involving an eating or drinking establishment listed under Use Group VI that, in the aggregate, results in an increase of more than 150 square feet of #floor area#, one off-street #accessory# parking space shall be provided for each 150 square feet of the total of the existing and new #floor area#.

After July 10, 1985, any reduction in the number of existing off-street #accessory# parking spaces, either on-site or off-site that lowers the ratio of off-street #accessory# parking space per #floor area# to less than one space per 150 square feet of #floor area# is prohibited.

New off-site #accessory# parking for eating or drinking establishments in C1 or C2 Districts may be located only in C1 or C2 Districts.

For the purposes of this Section, #floor area# shall also include #cellar# space, except for a room or rooms in the #cellar# used exclusively for storage, and outdoor table service areas used for eating or drinking establishments. The outdoor table service area shall be delineated and shown on the plans filed with the application for a building or work permit and used to determine the minimum requirement for #accessory# off-street parking. Such outdoor table service area shall be separated from the #accessory# off-street parking by a fence, wall, railing or planted screening.

For eating or drinking establishments, the provisions of Sections [36-23](#) or [44-232](#) (Waiver of Requirements for Spaces Below Minimum Number) or Section [52-41](#) (General Provisions), with respect only to #enlargements# or #extensions# to provide off-street parking spaces, and Section [73-45](#) (Modification of Off-site Parking Provisions) are hereby made inapplicable. For eating or drinking establishments with frontage on City Island Avenue, if less than 15 #accessory# off-street parking

spaces are required, all such parking spaces shall be waived.

112-23 - Reservoir Space Requirements for Eating or Drinking Establishments

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All #developments#, #extensions# or changes of #use# involving an eating or drinking establishment listed under Use Group VI with attendant-operated parking services shall provide adequate on-site reservoir space at the vehicular entrances to accommodate automobiles equivalent in number to 10 percent of the total number of spaces, but in no event shall such reservoir space be required for more than 10 automobiles. Reservoir space shall be delineated by painted stripes or lines pursuant to the standards of the Department of Buildings.

Within one year of March 6, 1986, all existing eating or drinking establishments with attendant-operated parking services shall provide adequate reservoir space pursuant to this Section and shall file a site plan and documented evidence of compliance with the appropriate enforcement agency, either the Department of Buildings or Department of Ports and Terminals.

112-24 - Screening and Tree Planting Requirements for all Parking Lots With 10 or More Spaces

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All new or #enlarged# parking lots with 10 or more spaces shall comply with the screening requirement provisions of this Section.

#Accessory# parking spaces that adjoin #zoning lots# with #residential uses# shall be screened by an opaque wall or fence extending not less than six feet but not higher than eight feet above finished grade, or alternatively, by a planting strip at least five feet wide and densely planted with evergreen shrubs at least four feet high at time of planting, and of a variety expected to reach a height of six feet within three years, or by both. No chain link fences shall be permitted.

#Accessory# parking spaces that adjoin #zoning lots# with non-#residential uses# shall be screened by an opaque wall or fence extending at least four feet high but not higher than six feet above finished grade, or alternatively by a planting strip at least five feet wide and densely planted with evergreen shrubs at least two and one-half feet high at time of planting. Open chain link fences shall be permitted only within such planting strip, and such fences shall extend at least four feet but not more than six feet above finished grade.

#Accessory# parking spaces that front upon a #street# shall be screened in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Section [37-921](#) (Perimeter landscaping).

In addition, such screening shall be maintained in good condition at all times, may be interrupted by normal entrances or exits and shall have no #signs# hung or attached thereto other than those permitted in Sections [32-62](#) (Permitted Signs), [32-63](#) (Permitted Advertising Signs) or [42-62](#) (Permitted Signs).

112-25 - Location of Parking Spaces Along City Island Avenue

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In districts not otherwise governed by the streetscape regulations of Section [112-073](#), no parking shall be permitted between the #street line# of City Island Avenue and the #street wall# of any #building# or its prolongation facing City Island Avenue. However, this provision shall not apply to #waterfront

zoning lots#.

112-30 - ADDITIONAL SPECIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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112-31 - Location of Zoning District Boundary Lines

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Zoning district boundary lines shall coincide with the #shoreline# lawfully existing on November 13, 1981, or any natural or lawful alteration thereof.

112-32 - Naturally or Lawfully Altered Shorelines and Development Rights on Piers

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A zoning district boundary line which intersects the #shoreline# lawfully existing on November 13, 1981, shall be prolonged, in a straight line, to such naturally or lawfully altered #shoreline#. Lawfully approved piers or other lawfully approved structural extensions of the #shoreline#, as may be so altered, shall not generate development rights; however, #uses# #accessory# to the principal upland permitted #use#, except for off-street parking, shall be permitted.

112-33 - Special Requirements for Waterfront Access

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Except in R1 and R2 Districts, for #developments# containing #residences# on #waterfront zoning lots# of 65,000 square feet or more, a publicly accessible waterfront sitting area shall be provided. Such sitting area shall abut the #shoreline#, have a minimum area of 2,500 square feet, a minimum depth of 50 feet measured from the #shoreline# and contain at least one linear foot of seating for every 100 square feet of public access area. Entrances of #buildings# may not front upon such sitting area.

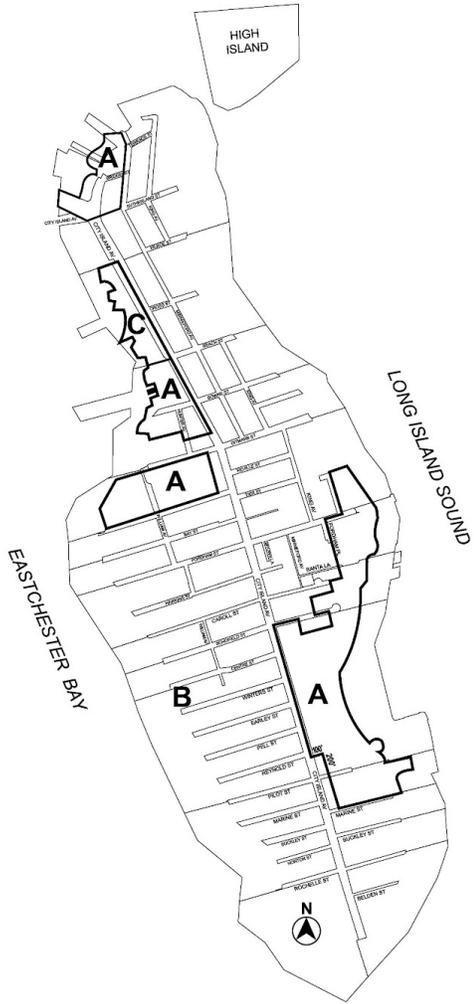
Such sitting area shall be accessible by means of either a direct connection to a public sidewalk or a public way through the #zoning lot# directly connecting the sitting area with a public sidewalk. Such public way shall be comprised of a planting strip of at least four feet in width containing one tree of at least three-inch caliper for every 25 linear feet of length of such way, and a paved sidewalk of at least six feet in width or, for #developments# with #private roads#, sidewalks provided in accordance with the requirements for #private roads#, as set forth in Article II, Chapter 6.

Such public access areas shall comply with the provisions of Sections [62-74](#) (Requirements for Recordation), [62-70](#) (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), [62-651](#) (Guardrails, gates and other protective barriers), [62-652](#) (Seating) and [62-654](#) (Signage).

The Chairperson of the City Planning Commission shall certify to the Department of Buildings or Department of Business Services, as applicable, that a site plan has been submitted showing compliance with the provisions of this Section.

Appendix A - Special City Island District - Height Areas

LAST AMENDED



Height Areas

- A** 35 ft./3 Story Limit or 50 ft./5 Story Limit by Special Permit
- B** 35 ft./3 Story Limit
- C** Existing Regulations

