



Zoning Resolution

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Chapter 3 - Special Ocean Parkway District (OP)

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113-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

LAST AMENDED

1/20/1977

The "Special Ocean Parkway 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 scenic landmark designation of Ocean Parkway by requiring landscaping along Ocean Parkway;
- (b) to maintain the existing scale and character of the community by limiting the bulk of permitted community facilities;
- (c) to protect the environmental quality of and improve circulation within the District by requiring enclosed parking for all uses along Ocean Parkway and by requiring off-street loading for certain community facilities throughout the District; 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.

113-01 - General Provisions

LAST AMENDED

12/5/2024

In harmony with the general purposes of the #Special Ocean Parkway District# and in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, certain specified regulations of the districts on which the #Special Ocean Parkway 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 districts remain in force. In #flood zones#, or for #transit-adjacent sites#, as defined in Section [66-11](#) (Definitions), 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), or Article VI, Chapter 6 (Special Regulations Applying Around Mass Transit Stations), the provisions of Article VI shall control.

For the purpose of applying the provisions set forth in #Mandatory Inclusionary Housing areas# within the #Special Ocean Parkway District# are shown on the maps in APPENDIX F of this Resolution.

The Subdistrict of the #Special Ocean Parkway District# is identified in Appendix A of this Chapter. In addition to the requirements of Sections [113-10](#) through [113-40](#), inclusive, the special regulations set forth in Sections [113-50](#) through [113-523](#), inclusive, shall apply to the Subdistrict.

113-10 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS

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The bulk regulations of the underlying districts shall apply, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

113-11 - Special Bulk Regulations for Community Facilities

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

In #Residence Districts# and #Commercial Districts# with #residential equivalents#, all #community facility buildings#, and portions of #buildings# containing #community facility uses#, shall be subject to the applicable underlying district #bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 3 (Residential Bulk Regulations in Residence Districts), except as provided below:

- (a) in R2X Districts, the #residential# #bulk# regulations of an R3-1 District shall apply to #community facility buildings#;
- (b) in R6 or R7 Districts with a letter suffix, the applicable #bulk# regulations set forth in Article II, Chapter 4 (Bulk Regulations for Community Facilities in Residence Districts) shall apply;
- (c) in the Subdistrict, the #bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 3 shall apply, except as set forth in Section [113-52](#) (Special Bulk Regulations); and
- (d) in R6 or R7 Districts without a letter suffix, the #community facility# #bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 4, may be made applicable by certification of the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section [113-41](#) (Certification for Community Facility Uses on Certain Corner Lots).

113-12 - Special Front Yard Regulations

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

For all #zoning lots# with frontage along Ocean Parkway, there shall be a 30 foot #front yard#. No obstructions including porches either open or enclosed, canopies or stairs are permitted within the #front yard#. Any driveway within such #front yard# shall be perpendicular to the #street line# or, in the case where the #street wall# is not parallel with the #street line#, the driveway shall be perpendicular to the #street wall#.

Balconies pursuant to Section [23-62](#) may, by a depth of not more than six feet, penetrate #front yards#, except along Ocean Parkway.

113-13 - Special Bulk Regulations for Lots Adjacent to Park Circle-Machate Circle

LAST AMENDED

In R8A Districts, for #zoning lots# fronting on Park Circle-Machate Circle, the provisions of Section [23-43](#) (Height and Setback Requirements in R6 Through R12 Districts) shall be modified to allow for #street walls# within 125 feet of a #wide street# to rise without setback to a maximum base height of 115 feet and allow for a minimum required setback of 10 feet above such base height, provided that the maximum #building# height shall not exceed: 115 feet within 100 feet of Ocean Parkway or within 30 feet of an R7A District; 125 feet between 100 and 150 feet of Ocean Parkway, within 20 feet of Coney Island Avenue, or between 30 and 50 feet from an R7A District; and 140 feet on any other portion of the #zoning lot#. For the purposes of this paragraph, distances shall be measured perpendicular to the #street line# or district boundary, as applicable.

113-20 - SPECIAL PARKING AND OFF-STREET LOADING REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED

113-21 - Special Parking Regulations

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

For all #developments# having frontage on Ocean Parkway, all required or permitted #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall be #completely enclosed#.

113-22 - Special Off-street Loading Regulations

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2/2/2011

- (a) For any #building# containing a #school# for children below grade 7, off-street loading facilities shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of this Section. Such off-street loading facilities shall be so situated and arranged to provide head-in and head-out movement of vehicles on two separate #streets#, and shall have a minimum dimension of 12 feet. All such off-street loading facilities shall be screened from adjacent #zoning lots# by a four foot buffer of shrubbery that is at least four feet high at the time of planting.
- (b) For other #schools# with no children below grade 7, an off-street loading facility shall be provided with a minimum dimension of 12 by 18 feet.

113-30 - TREE PLANTING REQUIREMENTS

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In addition to the applicable underlying #street# tree planting requirements, all changes of #use# on #zoning lots# having frontage on Ocean Parkway, shall provide #street# trees in accordance with the provisions of Section [23-611](#) (Street tree planting).

113-40 - CERTIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

LAST AMENDED

12/19/1996

113-41 - Certification for Community Facility Uses on Certain Corner Lots

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2/2/2011

Within the #Special Ocean Parkway District#, the City Planning Commission may allow, by certification, #community facility developments# or #enlargements# or changes of #use# containing #community facility uses#, to exceed the #bulk# regulations of Section [113-11](#) (Special Bulk Regulations for Community Facilities) when located on #corner lots#, one #lot line# of which is the #street line# of a #wide street#, provided that:

- (a) the #community facility building# will comply with the #bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 4 (Bulk Regulations for Community Facilities in Residence Districts); and

- (b) the scale of the proposed #community facility building# is appropriate to the scale of the surrounding #development#.

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

113-42 - Authorization for Enlargements of Community Facility Buildings

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2/2/2011

Within the #Special Ocean Parkway District#, the City Planning Commission may authorize #enlargements# that exceed the #bulk# limitations of Section [113-11](#) (Special Bulk Regulations for Community Facilities), provided:

- (a) the existing #building# is a #community facility building# #developed# prior to December 19, 1996;
- (b) the existing #community facility building# is located partially or wholly on a #corner lot#, one #lot line# of which is the #street line# of a #wide street#;
- (c) the #enlarged# #community facility building# will comply with the #bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 4 (Bulk Regulations for Community Facilities in Residence Districts); and
- (d) the scale of the proposed #community facility building# is appropriate to the scale of the surrounding area.

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

113-50 - THE SUBDISTRICT

LAST AMENDED

8/3/1993

113-501 - General purposes

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12/5/2024

In order to preserve and enhance the character of the neighborhood, the Subdistrict within the Special Ocean Parkway District is established which encourages large single- or two-family detached and semi-detached residences, as well as multiple dwellings in appropriate locations.

113-51 - Special Use Regulations

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Within the Subdistrict, the underlying #use# regulations applicable to an R4-1 District shall apply, except that for #qualifying residential sites# the regulations applicable to an R5 District shall apply.

113-52 - Special Bulk Regulations

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For #residential buildings#, or the portion of #building# containing #residences#, the underlying #bulk# regulations applicable to an R4-1 District shall apply, except as set forth in this Section, inclusive.

For #community facility# #buildings#, or the portion of #buildings# allocated to #community facility uses#, the #bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 3 shall apply, except as modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

113-521 - Maximum permitted floor area ratio

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The maximum permitted #floor area ratio# shall be 1.50, except that for #qualifying residential sites# the maximum permitted #floor area ratio# shall be 2.00.

113-522 - Yard regulations

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For permitted #residential uses#, the provisions of Section [23-311](#) (Permitted obstructions in all yards, courts and open areas) shall apply with the following modifications:

(a) open #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall not be located within a #front yard# unless such spaces are located in a permitted #side lot ribbon#;

(b) three-foot overhangs in a required #front yard# in R4 or R5 Districts shall not be permitted.

In addition, the rear yard requirements in paragraph (a)(1) of Section [23-342](#) (Rear yard requirements) shall apply to all #buildings#.

113-523 - Height and setback regulations

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For #buildings# subject to the height and setback regulations of Section [23-421](#) (Basic pitched-roof envelopes for certain districts), the following modification shall apply: each perimeter wall of the #building or other structure# may have one or more apex points directly above it on the 35 foot high plane.

Appendix A - Special Ocean Parkway District

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9/25/2025