



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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# **25-63 - Location of Access to the Street**

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LAST AMENDED  
12/15/1961

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, the entrances and exits for all permitted or required #accessory# #group parking facilities# with 10 or more spaces shall be located not less than 50 feet from the intersection of any two #street lines#. However, access located within 50 feet of such intersection may be permitted if the Commissioner of Buildings certifies that such a location is not hazardous to traffic safety and not likely to create traffic congestion. The Commissioner of Buildings may refer such matter to the Department of Transportation for a report and may base his determination on such report.

The waiver provisions of Sections 25-27 or 25-34 (Waiver of Requirements for All Zoning Lots Where Access Would Be Forbidden) shall apply when the Commissioner of Buildings has certified that there is no way to arrange the spaces with access to the #street# to conform to the provisions of this Section.

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## 25-631 - Location and width of curb cuts in certain districts

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LAST AMENDED  
2/2/2011

All curb cuts on #zoning lots# with #buildings# containing #residences# shall comply with the provisions of this Section, except that, in #lower density growth management areas#, the provisions of Section 25-632 shall apply. The minimum width of a curb cut shall be eight feet, including splays. In addition, for #non-conforming# #buildings# in all districts, the provisions of Section 25-633 (Curb cut restrictions for certain buildings in R1 through R5 Districts) shall apply.

R2A

- (a) In the district indicated, the maximum width of a curb cut shall be 18 feet, and the maximum width of a driveway within a #front yard# shall be 20 feet. All #zoning lots# shall maintain at least 18 feet of uninterrupted curb space along each #street# frontage.

R2X R3 R4 R5

- (b) In the districts indicated, except R4B and R5B Districts, curb cuts shall comply with the following provisions:
- (1) For #zoning lots# containing #residences# where not more than two #accessory# parking spaces are required:
    - (i) for #zoning lots# with less than 50 feet of frontage along a #street#, only one curb cut, having a maximum width, including splays, of 10 feet, shall be permitted;
    - (ii) for #zoning lots# with at least 50 feet of frontage along a #street#, no more than two curb cuts shall be permitted along such #street# frontage. If one curb cut is provided, such curb cut shall have a maximum width, including splays, of 18 feet. If two curb cuts are provided, the maximum width of each curb cut, including splays, shall be 10 feet, and a minimum distance of 30 feet of uninterrupted curb space shall be provided between such curb cuts;
    - (iii) wherever #accessory# parking spaces are provided in adjacent #side lot ribbons# on #zoning lots# subdivided after June 30, 1989, the curb cuts giving access to such #side lot ribbons# shall be contiguous (paired), so that only one curb cut, having a maximum width of 18 feet, including splays, shall serve both #side lot ribbons#; and

- (iv) a minimum distance of 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space shall be maintained between all curb cuts constructed after June 30, 1989, provided that this requirement shall not apply to #zoning lots# existing both on June 30, 1989, and April 14, 2010, that are less than 40 feet wide and where at least 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space is maintained along the #street# in front of the #zoning lot#; or
- (2) For #zoning lots# containing #residences# where more than two #accessory# parking spaces are required:
- (i) #zoning lots# with 35 feet or more of frontage along a #street# shall maintain a minimum distance of 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space along such #street#;
  - (ii) a minimum distance of 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space shall be maintained between all curb cuts constructed after June 30, 1989, provided that this requirement shall not apply to any #zoning lot# existing both on June 30, 1989 and April 14, 2010, that is less than 40 feet wide and where at least 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space is maintained in front of such #zoning lot# along the #street#;
  - (iii) all driveways shall be located at least 13 feet from any other driveway on the same or adjoining #zoning lots#. However, driveways may be paired with other driveways on the same or adjoining #zoning lots#, provided the aggregate width of such paired driveways, including any space between them, does not exceed 20 feet. Curb cuts accessing such paired driveway shall have a minimum width of 15 feet and a maximum width, including splays, of 18 feet; and
  - (iv) except for paired driveways as set forth in paragraph (b)(2)(iii) of this Section, the maximum width of a curb cut accessing less than 50 parking spaces shall be 12 feet, including splays, and the maximum width of a curb cut accessing more than 50 parking spaces shall be 22 feet, including splays. However, where Fire Department regulations set forth in the Administrative Code of the City of New York require curb cuts of greater width, such curb cuts may be increased to the minimum width acceptable to the Fire Department.

#### R4B R5B

- (c) In the districts indicated, curb cuts are permitted only on #zoning lots# with at least 40 feet of #street# frontage and existing on the effective date of establishing such districts on the #zoning maps#. Any such #zoning lot# may be subdivided; however, curb cuts are permitted only for a resulting subdivided #zoning lot# that has at least 40 feet of #street# frontage. For #detached#, #semi-detached# and #zero lot line buildings#, the width and location of curb cuts shall be in accordance with paragraph (b)(1), inclusive, of this Section. For #attached# #buildings# and #building segments#, and for multiple dwellings in R5B Districts, at least 34 feet of uninterrupted curb space shall be maintained between all curb cuts constructed after June 30, 1989, provided that this requirement shall not apply to #zoning lots# existing on both June 30, 1989, and April 14, 2010, that are less than 76 feet wide and where at least 34 feet of uninterrupted curb space is maintained along the #street# in front of the #zoning lot#.

For #zoning lots# with less than 40 feet of #street# frontage and existing on the effective date of establishing such districts on the #zoning maps#, curb cuts shall be prohibited.

#### R6 R7 R8

- (d) In the districts indicated without a letter suffix, for #zoning lots# containing non-#Quality Housing buildings# or non-#Quality Housing building# #segments#, each of which contains not more than three #dwelling units#, #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall be located in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b)(2), inclusive, of this Section.

#### R6 R7 R8

- (e) In the districts indicated, except as provided for in paragraph (d) of this Section, only one curb cut, having a maximum

width of 12 feet, including splays, shall be permitted on any #street# frontage of a #zoning lot#. However, where a curb cut accesses a #group parking facility# with 50 or more spaces, the maximum width of a curb cut shall be 22 feet, including splays, or alternatively, two curb cuts shall be permitted to access such #group parking facility#, each with a maximum width of 12 feet, including splays, and spaced at least 60 feet apart. For #zoning lots# subdivided after April 14, 2010, curb cuts shall only be permitted along the #street# frontage of such subdivided #zoning lot# where at least 34 feet of uninterrupted curb space is maintained, and shall comply with the width and spacing requirements of this paragraph, (e).

These curb cut provisions shall apply as follows:

- (1) In R6, R7 and R8 Districts without a letter suffix, to non-#Quality Housing buildings# or non-#Quality Housing building# #segments#, any of which contain four or more #dwelling units#;
- (2) In R6, R7 and R8 Districts without a letter suffix, to #Quality Housing buildings# or #Quality Housing building# #segments#;
- (3) In R6A, R7A, R7D, R7X, R8A and R8X Districts, to all #buildings#; and
- (4) In R6B, R7B and R8B Districts, to #zoning lots# occupied by a #building# with a #street wall# at least 40 feet in width or, for #zoning lots# with multiple #building segments#, only where such curb cut is in front of a #building segment# with a #street wall# at least 40 feet in width. On such #zoning lots#, curb cuts shall be permitted only on the #street# frontage that is at least 40 feet wide. On all other #zoning lots# in R6B, R7B and R8B Districts, curb cuts shall be prohibited.

(f) Modification of curb cut location requirements:

R2X R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8

- (1) In the districts indicated, the location and width of curb cuts, as required by the provisions of this Section, may be modified if the Commissioner of Buildings certifies that the specified curb cut locations would require the removal of shade trees maintained by the City of New York. The Commissioner of Buildings may refer such matter to the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Transportation for reports, and may base the determination on such reports.

R6 R7 R8

- (2) In the districts indicated, except R6, R7 or R8 Districts with a letter suffix, the City Planning Commission may authorize modification of the location and width of curb cuts as required by the provisions of this Section provided that the Commission finds that:
  - (i) the proposed modification does not adversely affect the character of the surrounding area; and
  - (ii) where more than one curb cut is provided, the curb cuts are arranged to foster retention of curbside parking spaces along the #street frontage# of the #zoning lot#.

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## **25-632 - Driveway and curb cut regulations in lower density growth management areas**

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LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

The provisions of this Section shall apply to all #zoning lots# with #buildings# containing #residences# within all #lower density growth management areas#, except that these provisions shall not apply to any #zoning lot# occupied by only one #single-

family# #detached# #residence# with at least 60 feet of frontage along one #street# and, for such #residences# on #corner lots#, with at least 60 feet of frontage along two #streets#.

- (a) For #zoning lots# with less than 33 feet of frontage along a #street#, only one curb cut, having a maximum width, including splays, of 10 feet, shall be permitted.
- (b) For #zoning lots# with at least 33 feet of frontage along a #street#, multiple curb cuts are permitted. The maximum width of a curb cut serving a driveway 12 feet or less in width shall be 10 feet, including splays. Driveways wider than 12 feet at any point within a #front yard# shall be accessed by a single curb cut with a minimum width of 17 feet and a maximum width, including splays, of 18 feet.
- (c) The center line of each curb cut shall be coincident with the center line of the driveway that it serves.
- (d) All driveways shall be located at least 13 feet from any other driveway on the same or adjoining #zoning lots#. However, driveways may be paired with other driveways on adjoining #zoning lots# provided the aggregate width of such paired driveways, including any space between them, does not exceed 20 feet.
- (e) All #zoning lots# with #buildings# containing #residences# shall maintain a minimum distance of 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space between all curb cuts constructed after June 30, 1989.
- (f) The requirements of paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Section may be waived where the Commissioner of Buildings certifies that, due to the location of driveways and curb cuts on adjacent #zoning lots#, there is no way to locate the driveways and curb cuts in compliance with this requirement of this Section, and that at least 16 feet of uninterrupted curb space is maintained along the #street# in front of the #zoning lot#.
- (g) For multiple #buildings# on a single #zoning lot#, access to all parking spaces shall be provided entirely on the same #zoning lot#.

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## **25-633 - Curb cut restrictions for certain buildings in R1 through R5 Districts**

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LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

R1 R2 R3-1 R3A R3X R4-1 R4A R5A

- (a) In the districts indicated, curb cuts are prohibited for #attached# #buildings# except where such #building# is bounded on one side by a #side yard# at least eight feet in width. For such #buildings#, a curb cut shall be permitted only along that portion of the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# directly in front of a #side yard# that is at least eight feet wide and accesses a parking space located beyond the #street wall# or prolongation thereof.

R1 R2 R3A R3X R4A R5A

- (b) In the districts indicated, for #semi-detached# #buildings#, a curb cut shall only be permitted along that portion of the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# directly in front of a #side yard# that is at least eight feet wide and accesses a parking space located beyond the #street wall# or prolongation thereof.

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## **25-634 - Curb cut regulations for community facilities**

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LAST AMENDED

11/28/2007

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, any #development# or #enlargement# containing a #community facility# #use# with an unenclosed parking area shall comply with the provisions of this Section.

Curb cuts serving one travel lane shall have a maximum width of 12 feet, excluding splays, and curb cuts serving two travel lanes shall have a maximum width of 24 feet, excluding splays. For parking lots with more than 100 parking spaces, curb cuts of up to 30 feet, excluding splays, shall be permitted.

However, where Fire Department regulations set forth in the Administrative Code of the City of New York require curb cuts of greater width, such curb cuts may be increased to the minimum width acceptable to the Fire Department.

For #zoning lots# with 100 feet or less of #street frontage#, only two curb cuts shall be permitted. For every additional 50 feet of #street# frontage, one additional curb cut shall be permitted.

A minimum distance of 18 feet from any other curb cut on the same or adjacent #zoning lots# shall be maintained, except where the Commissioner of Buildings determines that, due to the location of curb cuts constructed prior to November 28, 2007, on adjacent #zoning lots#, there is no way to locate the curb cut 18 feet from such adjacent existing curb cuts.

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## **25-635 - Maximum driveway grade**

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LAST AMENDED  
4/30/2008

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

In the districts indicated, the maximum grade of a driveway shall not exceed 11 percent in any #front yard#. Driveways existing on April 30, 2008, which exceed a grade of 11 percent, may be used to access parking spaces required for #residences# constructed after April 30, 2008.