Zoning Resolution

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24-00 - APPLICABILITY, GENERAL PURPOSES AND DEFINITIONS

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24-01 - Applicability of This Chapter

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The #bulk# regulations of this Chapter apply to any #zoning lot# or portion of a #zoning lot# located in any #Residence District# which contains any #community facility building#, or to the #community facility# portion of any #building# located in any #Residence District# which is used for both #residential# and #community facility# #uses#, except where specifically modified by the provisions of this Chapter.

The #bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 3, shall apply to any #zoning lot# or portion of a #zoning lot# in any #Residence District# which contains a #residential building#, or to the #residential# portion of any #building# located in any #Residence District# which is used for both #residential# and #community facility# #uses#, except where specifically modified by the provisions of this Chapter.

In addition, the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter, or of specified sections thereof, also apply in other provisions of this Resolution where they are incorporated by cross reference.

24-02 - Applicability in Special Situations

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The conversion of non-#residential# #floor area# to #residences# shall be subject to the provisions of Article I, Chapter 5 (Residential Conversion Within Existing Buildings), unless such #conversions# meet the requirements for #residential# #developments# of Article II (Residence District Regulations).

Existing #buildings or other structures# that are #non-complying buildings or other structures# or existing #buildings# where an #enlargement#, #conversion#, #extension#, change of #use# or other alternation would create a #non-compliance# with the applicable #bulk# regulations are subject to the regulations set forth in Article V, Chapter 4.

Special regulations applying in certain areas are set forth in Article VI, inclusive.

Special permits that may be granted by the Board of Standards and Appeals are set forth in Article VII, Chapter 3. Special permits and authorizations that may be granted by the City Planning Commission are set forth in Article VII, Chapters 4 and 5, respectively.

Special regulations applying to #large-scale residential developments# or #large-scale community facility developments# are set forth in Article VII, Chapters 8 or 9, respectively. Special regulations applying to #large-scale general developments# are set forth in Section 74-74.

Any #development# or #enlargement# that occurs on or over a #railroad right-of-way#, or the inclusion of a #railroad right-of-way# in the #lot area# of a #zoning lot# less than one and a half acres, and that is not #accessory# to such #railroad right-of-way#, shall be certified by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 75-41. In addition, the #development# or #enlargement of a #building# on a #zoning lot# greater than one and a half acres that includes a #railroad right-of-way# or #former railroad right-of-way#, where such #building# is not #accessory# to a #railroad right-of-way#, may be permitted by the Commission pursuant to Section 74-61.

Special regulations applying only in Special Purpose Districts are set forth in Articles VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII and XIV.

24-03 - General Purposes of Community Facility Bulk Regulations

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The following bulk regulations are adopted in order to protect residential areas against congestion and to encourage the development of desirable and stable residential neighborhoods. In order to achieve these purposes, a direct control of the physical volume of buildings and their degree of lot coverage is established.

24-04 - Applicability of Article II, Chapter 3 Regulations

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For #community facility# #buildings# or #buildings# used partly for #community facility# #use# and partly for #residential use#, the following regulations shall apply with regard to the applicability of certain #bulk# regulations from Article II, Chapter 3.

(a) All #bulk# regulations

(1) In all districts, the #bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 3 (Residential Bulk Regulations in Residence Districts) for #qualifying affordable housing# may be applied to #buildings# subject to an #affordable housing regulatory agreement# if #qualifying affordable housing# includes #community facility# #uses#.

(2) In R3-1, R3A, R3X, R4-1, R4A, R4B or R5B Districts, the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter shall apply only to a #zoning lot# or portion of a #zoning lot# that contains a #community facility# #building#, and the #bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 3 (Residential Bulk Regulations in Residence Districts) shall apply to any #zoning lot# or portion of a #zoning lot# that contains any #building# that is used partly for #community facility# #use# and partly for #residential use#. In such districts, the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter may apply to the #community facility# portion of a #building# that is used partly for #community facility# #use# and partly for #residential use# only where:

(i) such #community facility# #use# has received tax-exempt status from the New York City Department of Finance, or its successor, pursuant to Section 420 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law; or

(ii) such #building# has received an authorization pursuant to Section 24-06 (Modification of Bulk Regulations in Certain Districts).

(b) Height and setback

(1) In R6 through R12 Districts with a letter suffix, the height and setback regulations of Section 23-43 (Height and Setback Requirements in R6 Through R12 Districts), inclusive, shall be applied to all #buildings# in accordance with the applicable

#Residence District# regulations.

(2) In all other #Residence Districts#, the #residential# height and setback regulations may be applied as follows:

(i) the height and setback regulations of Section 23-42 (Height and Setback Requirements in R1 Through R5 Districts), inclusive, may be applied in accordance with the applicable #Residence District# regulations;

(ii) the height and setback regulations of Section 23-43, inclusive, may be applied in accordance with the applicable #Residence District# regulations.

However, for Districts subject to the #street wall# location requirements of paragraph (b) of Section 23-431, such regulations need not apply to houses of worship listed under Use Group III(B).

Any obstructions permitted to penetrate a maximum height limit pursuant to Section 23-41 (Permitted Obstructions), inclusive, shall also be permitted in addition to those set forth in Section 24-51 (Permitted Obstructions).

(c) Other #bulk# regulations

Where the height and setback regulations of Article II, Chapter 3 are applied, the following #residential# #bulk# regulations may also be applied to the entire #building#:

(1) the #yard# regulations of Section 23-30, inclusive, applicable to a #multiple dwelling residence#;

(2) the maximum #lot coverage# requirements of Section 23-36, inclusive; and

(3) for #community facility# #uses# with sleeping accommodations:

(i) the special #floor area# allowances of Section 23-23, inclusive;

(ii) the #court# regulations of Section 23-35, inclusive; and

(iii) the distance between #buildings# and distance between #legally required windows# and #lot lines# regulations of Section 23-37.

Any obstructions permitted within a specific open area pursuant to Section 23-30, inclusive, shall also be permitted.

Where a particular #bulk# regulation of Article II, Chapter 3 is applied, it shall supersede the applicable regulations of Article II, Chapter 4.

For the purposes of applying such #bulk# provisions, #uses# shall be considered #residential#, and the term #dwelling unit# shall include "dwelling units" and "rooming units", as set forth in the Housing Maintenance Code.

24-05 - Buildings Containing Certain Community Facility Uses

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

(a) In R1 through R5 Districts in #lower density growth management areas#, the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter shall not apply to any #zoning lot# containing #buildings# used for:

(1) ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities listed under Use Group III(B), except where such #zoning lot# contains #buildings# used for hospitals or nursing homes as defined in the New York State Hospital Code; or

(2) child care services as listed under the definition of #school# in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS), except where such #zoning lot# contains #buildings# used for houses of worship or, for #zoning lots# that do not contain #buildings# used for houses of worship, where the amount of #floor area# used for child care services is equal to 25 percent or less of the amount of #floor area# permitted for #community facility# #use# on the #zoning lot#.

(b) In lieu thereof, the #residential bulk# regulations of Article II, Chapter 3, shall apply, except that:

(1) the minimum #lot area# for such #zoning lots# containing ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities shall be 5,700 square feet, and the minimum #lot area# for such #zoning lots# containing child care services shall be 10,000 square feet. In addition, each such #zoning lot# shall have a minimum #lot width# of 60 feet. Such #lot width# shall be applied as set forth in the definition of #lot width# in Section 12-10, provided that such #lot width# shall also be met along at least one #street line# of the #zoning lot#. No #building#, or portion thereof, shall be permitted between opposing #side lot lines# where such #lot lines# would be nearer to one another at any point than 60 feet;

(2) the provisions of Section 23-341 (Permitted obstructions in required yards or rear yard equivalents), inclusive, shall be modified to prohibit parking spaces of any kind within a

#front yard#;

(3) in lieu of Section 23-332 (Basic side yard requirements in R1 through R5 Districts), Sections 24-35 (Minimum Required Side Yards) and 24-55 (Required Side and Rear Setbacks) shall apply; and

(4) for child care services in R1 and R2 Districts, the provisions of paragraph (9) in the definition of #floor area# in Section 12-10, pertaining to #floor area# exclusions for the lowest story of a #residential building#, shall not apply.

For such #buildings#, the authorization provisions of Section 24-06 (Modification of Bulk Regulations in Certain Districts) shall be inapplicable.

24-06 - Modification of Bulk Regulations in Certain Districts

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R3-1 R3A R3X R4-1 R4A R4B R5B

In the districts indicated, the City Planning Commission may authorize #developments# or #enlargements#, pursuant to the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter, provided that the Commission finds that:

(a) the design of the #development# or #enlargement# ensures adequate separation of #uses# and sufficient independent access to each #use#; and

(b) the #floor area# designated for #community facility# #use# is designed in a manner that is consistent with such #use# and physically distinguishes such space from that designated for

#residential use#.

The Commission may prescribe additional safeguards to prevent the #conversion# of such #community facility# #use# to #residential use#.

Applications for authorizations shall be referred to the affected Community Board for a period of at least 30 days for comment. The Commission shall grant in whole or in part or deny the application within 60 days of the completion of the Community Board review period.

24-07 - Street Tree Planting

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In all districts, as indicated, #developments#, or #enlargements# that increase the #floor area# on a #zoning lot# by 20 percent or more, shall provide #street# trees in accordance with Section 26-41 (Street Tree Planting).

24-08 - Planting Strips

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

In the districts indicated, #developments#, or #enlargements# that increase the #floor area# on a #zoning lot# by 20 percent or more, shall provide and maintain a planting strip in accordance with Section 26-42.