



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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# **26-10 - SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN R9 AND R10 DISTRICTS**

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In R9 and R10 Districts, an application to the Department of Buildings for a permit respecting any #development# shall include a plan and an elevation, drawn to a scale of at least one-sixteenth inch to a foot, of the new #building# and #buildings# on #contiguous lots# or #contiguous blocks# showing #arcades#, #street wall# articulation, curb cuts, #street# trees, sidewalk paving, a central refuse storage area and such other necessary information as may be required by the Commissioner of Buildings.

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### 26-11 - General Purposes

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The urban design guidelines are established to strengthen, at street level, the relationship of developments with existing buildings and to improve the quality of the streetscape by:

- (a) maintaining the visual continuity of developments at street level;
  - (b) enhancing the visual character of the neighborhood; and
  - (c) reducing conflict between pedestrian and vehicular circulation.
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### 26-12 - General Purposes of Sections 26-13 through 26-17

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In harmony with the general purposes and intent of this Resolution and the general purposes of Section [26-11](#), the regulations of Sections [26-13](#) through [26-17](#), inclusive, are intended to:

- (a) guide the location of arcades to assure horizontal continuity of developments with existing building arcades and to maintain visual continuity at street level;
  - (b) require transparency and/or articulation of front walls to improve the visual quality of the street;
  - (c) improve the quality of the street environment;
  - (d) limit the number and location of curb cuts, minimizing undue conflict between pedestrian and vehicular movements; and
  - (e) eliminate trash on sidewalks by requiring central refuse storage areas within the zoning lot.
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### 26-13 - Definitions

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For the purposes of Sections [26-10](#) through [26-17](#), inclusive, the following definitions shall apply:

## Contiguous block

A "contiguous block" is a #block# containing one or more #zoning lots# separated by a #narrow street# from the #block# containing the #development#.

## Contiguous lot

A "contiguous lot" is a #zoning lot# that shares a common #side lot line# with the #zoning lot# of the #development#.

## Development

In addition to the definition of #development# set forth in Section [12-10](#) (DEFINITIONS), "development" shall also include an #enlargement# involving an increase in #lot coverage#.

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## 26-14 - Horizontal Continuity

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Horizontal continuity regulations set forth in this Section are intended to relate #developments# with existing #buildings#, at #street# level, in order to maintain visual and functional continuity relating to the following aspects.

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### 26-141 - Arcades

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#Arcades# shall be bonused only where the #zoning lot# of a #development# occupies:

- (a) the entire #street line# of a #block# and when the #arcade# extends the full length of such #street# frontage; or
- (b) a portion of the #street line# of a #block# and the contiguous #zoning lot# contains an #arcade# extending the full length of the #street# frontage, and no walls are existing where the two #arcades# abut; or where the contiguous #zoning lot# is vacant. Such #arcade# shall be located at the same elevation as the existing #arcade#.

#Arcades# may be interrupted by a bonusable #open space# such as a #publicly accessible open area#.

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### 26-142 - Street wall articulation

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When any #building# wall of a #development# that is five feet or more in height adjoins a sidewalk, a #public plaza# or an #arcade#, at least 25 percent of the total surface area of such walls between #curb level# and 12 feet above #curb level# or to the ceiling of the ground floor, whichever is higher, or to the full height of the wall if such wall is less than 12 feet in height, shall be transparent. The lowest point at any point of any transparency that is provided to satisfy the requirements of this Section shall not be higher than four feet above the #curb level#.

Door or window openings within such walls shall be considered as transparent. Such openings shall have a minimum width of two feet.

In addition, any portion of such #building# wall, 50 feet or more in width, which contains no transparent element between #curb level# and 12 feet above #curb level# or the ceiling of the ground floor, whichever is higher, or to its full height if such wall is less than 12 feet in height, shall be covered with vines or similar planting or contain artwork or be treated so as to provide visual relief. Plantings shall be planted in soil having a depth of not less than 2 feet, 6 inches, and a minimum width of 24 inches. If artwork is being used, approval by the New York City Art Commission shall be obtained prior to the certificate of occupancy being issued for the #development#.

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## 26-15 - Curb Cuts

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No curb cuts are permitted on #wide streets#. Curb cuts are permitted along #narrow streets# provided that no #zoning lot# has more than one curb cut on any #narrow street# frontage.

Additional curb cuts, in excess of one for each #narrow street# frontage, for #zoning lots# in excess of 30,000 square feet of #lot area#, or curb cuts on #wide streets# for #zoning lots# that have no #narrow street# frontage may be allowed, provided that the City Planning Commission and the Department of Transportation certify to the Commissioner of Buildings that such additional curb cuts will not result in conflict between pedestrian and vehicular circulation and will result in a good overall site plan.

An application to the Commission for certification respecting any additional curb cut shall be made on a standard application form for such certification and shall be accompanied by a site plan drawn to a scale of at least one sixteenth inch to a foot, showing the size and location of the proposed curb cut. The Commission shall furnish a copy of the application for such certification to the affected Community Board at the earliest possible stage and will give due consideration to their opinion as to the appropriateness of such curb cuts.

In cases where a #zoning lot# has no #narrow street# frontage, the Commission may waive the applicable #accessory# off-street parking requirements of Section [25-23](#) (Requirements Where Group Parking Facilities Are Provided).

The parking requirements set forth in Sections [25-21](#), [25-31](#) or [36-31](#) shall not apply to any #development# for which the Commissioner of Buildings has certified that there is no way to provide the required parking spaces with access to a #street# in conformity with the provisions of this Section.

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## 26-16 - Central Refuse Storage Area

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All #developments# shall provide facilities for central trash storage within the #zoning lot#. Where such facilities are provided outside of a #building#, such facilities shall be screened by an enclosure containing materials compatible with the materials of the front #building# wall of the #development#.

In all cases, there shall be an area for central trash collection provided at the rate of 75 square feet for uncompressed garbage or 50 square feet for compressed garbage for each 10,000 square feet of #lot area#. Such area shall be ventilated.

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## 26-17 - Streetscape Modifications

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The City Planning Commission may, by certification to the Commissioner of Buildings, allow modifications of the requirements of this Chapter. Such modifications will be allowed when the Commission finds that such modifications will enhance the design quality of the #development#.