



## **Zoning Resolution**

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
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# **32-43 - Ground Floor Use in Certain Locations**

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### **32-431 - Ground floor use in C1-8A, C1-9A, C2-7A, C2-8A, C4-6A and C4-7A Districts**

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C1-8A C1-9A C2-7A C2-8A C4-6A C4-7A

In the districts indicated, and in C1 and C2 Districts mapped within R9A and R10A Districts, #uses# within #stories# that have a floor level within five feet of #curb level# fronting on a #wide street# shall be limited to non-#residential uses# except for Type 1 lobbies, and entryways to subway stations provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 37-33 (Maximum Width of Certain Uses).

Non-#residential use# shall have a depth of at least 15 feet from the #street wall#. Such minimum depth requirement may be reduced, however, to the minimum extent necessary, to accommodate a vertical circulation core, or structural columns associated with upper #stories# of the #building#. No more than 8,000 square feet shall be devoted to Use Group 6B within #stories# that have a floor level within five feet of #curb level#.

The provisions of Section 32-512 (For corner lots) shall not apply.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply within Community Board 7, Borough of Manhattan.

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### **32-432 - Ground floor use in Community Board 7, Borough of Manhattan**

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Within the boundaries of Community Board 7 in the Borough of Manhattan, when a #development#, #enlargement# or change of #use# is located in an R10 equivalent #Commercial District#, #uses# within #stories# that have a floor level within five feet of #curb level# fronting on a #wide street# shall be limited to non-#residential uses#, except for Type 1 lobbies, and entryways to subway stations provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 37-33 (Maximum Width of Certain Uses).

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### **32-433 - Ground floor use in C1, C2 and C4 Districts in the Borough of Staten Island**

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C1 C2 C4

In all C1, C2 and C4 Districts in the Borough of Staten Island, ground floor #uses# shall conform with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Ground floor level #use# requirements

(1) Along #primary street frontages#

For #buildings#, or portions thereof, with #primary street frontage#, as defined in Section 37-311, #uses# on the ground floor level, to the minimum depth set forth in Section 37-32 (Ground Floor Depth Requirements for Certain Uses), shall be limited to non-#residential uses# except for Type 1 lobbies, and entrances and exits to #accessory# parking spaces provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 37-33 (Maximum Width of Certain Uses). Any #accessory# off-street parking spaces located on the ground floor level shall be wrapped by #floor area# in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 37-35 (Parking Wrap and Screening Requirements).

(2) Along #secondary street frontages#

For #buildings#, or portions thereof, with #secondary street frontage#, as defined in Section 37-311, all #uses# permitted by the underlying district shall be permitted on the ground floor level, provided that any #accessory# off-street parking spaces located on the ground floor level shall be wrapped or screened in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-35.

The level of the finished floor of such ground floor shall be located not higher than two feet above nor lower than two feet below the as-built level of the adjoining #street#.

(b) #Non-conforming buildings#

#Buildings# containing #non-conforming residential uses# on the ground floor shall be permitted to #enlarge# without regard to the #use# regulations of this Section, provided that such #enlargement# complies with the provisions of the #residential yard# regulations set forth in Section 23-40.

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## **32-434 - Ground floor use in C4-5D and C6-3D Districts and in certain C2 Districts**

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C4-5D C6-3D

In the districts indicated and in C2 Districts mapped within R7D or R9D Districts, #uses# within #stories# that have a floor level within five feet of #curb level# shall be limited to non-#residential uses# which shall extend along the entire width of the #building#, except for Type 1 lobbies, entrances and exits to #accessory# off-street parking facilities, and entryways to subway stations provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-33 (Maximum Width of Certain Uses). Such non-#residential uses# comply with the minimum depth provisions of Section 37-32 (Ground Floor Depth Requirements for Certain Uses).

Enclosed parking spaces, or parking spaces within a #building#, including such spaces #accessory# to #residences#, shall be permitted to occupy #stories# that have a floor level within five feet of #curb level# provided they comply with the provisions of Section 37-35 (Parking Wrap and Screening Requirements). Loading berths serving any permitted #use# in the #building# may occupy up to 40 feet of such #street# frontage and, if such #building# fronts on both a #wide street# and a #narrow street#, such loading berth shall be located only on a #narrow street#.

In C4-5D and C6-3D Districts, and in C2 Districts mapped within R7D or R9D Districts, each ground floor level #street wall# in a #building developed# or #enlarged# on the ground floor level shall comply with the glazing provisions set forth in Section 37-34 (Minimum Transparency Requirements).

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## **32-435 - Ground floor use in high density Commercial Districts**

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The regulations of this Section shall apply to any #development# occupied by #predominantly residential use#, constructed after April 21, 1977, located on any #zoning lot# within C1-8, C1-9, C2-7, C2-8, C4-6, C4-7, C5-1, C5-2, C5-4, C6-3, C6-4, C6-5 or C6-8 Districts, or C1 or C2 Districts mapped within R9 or R10 Districts. However, this Section shall not apply within any Special Purpose District nor shall it apply to any #Quality Housing building#, except as otherwise set forth herein.

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 #signs#, other than #advertising signs#, #arcades#, #street wall# articulation, curb cuts, #street# trees, sidewalk paving, central refuse storage area and such other necessary information as may be required by the Commissioner of Buildings.

(a) Definitions

For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall be applicable.

Contiguous block

For the purposes of this Section, inclusive, 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

For the purposes of this Section, inclusive, a “contiguous lot” is a #zoning lot# which shares a common #side lot line# with the #zoning lot# of the #development#.

#### Development

For the purposes of this Section, inclusive, in addition to the definition of #development# in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS), “development” shall also include an #enlargement# involving an increase in #lot coverage#.

#### Predominantly residential use

For the purposes of this Section, inclusive, a “predominantly residential use” means a #building# having a #residential floor area# in excess of 50 percent of the total #building floor area#.

#### (b) Applicability of Article II, Chapter 6

In C1-8, C1-9, C2-7, C2-8, C4-6, C4-7, C5-1, C5-2, C5-4, C6-3, C6-4, C6-5 or C6-8 Districts, or C1 or C2 Districts mapped within R9 or R10 Districts, the regulations of Article II, Chapter 6 (Special Urban Design Guidelines), shall apply to any #development# occupied by #predominantly residential use#, except as modified by the provisions of this Section. The purpose of these modifications is to make the regulations of Article II, Chapter 6, applicable to #Commercial Districts#.

#### (c) Retail Continuity

For #buildings# with front #building# walls that are at least 50 feet in width and front upon a #wide street#, a minimum of 50 percent of the width of such front #building# wall shall be occupied at the ground floor level by #commercial uses#, as permitted by district regulations.

In C1-8, C1-9, C2-7, C2-8 and C4-6 Districts and C1 or C2 Districts mapped within R9 or R10 Districts, #uses# which occupy such 50 percent of the front #building# wall shall be limited to those listed in Use Groups 6A, 6C and 6F, excluding banks and loan offices, except that in C4-6 Districts only, such #uses# may additionally include those listed in Use Groups 8A, 8B and 10A. All #uses# permitted by the underlying district regulations are permitted in the remaining 50 percent of the front #building# wall.

Such requirement of #commercial uses# for a minimum of 50 percent of the front #building# wall may be waived, or additional #uses# permitted, upon certification by the City Planning Commission to the Commissioner of Buildings that an adequate supply of such #uses#

already exists at the ground floor level in the surrounding area.

The Commission may require that an application for such certification of additional #uses# for a completed #building#, where #floor area# has been designated for occupancy for such #commercial uses#, establish that a good faith effort has been made to secure tenancy by such #uses#.

(d) Ground floor transparency and articulation

When any #building# wall which is five feet or more in height adjoins a sidewalk, a #public plaza# or an #arcade#, ground floor level transparency shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-34 (Minimum Transparency Requirements).

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 ivy or similar planting or contain artwork or be treated so as to provide visual relief. Plants 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 Design Commission shall be obtained prior to the certificate of occupancy being issued for the #development#.

(e) Sign regulations

In addition to the applicable district regulations in C1-8, C1-9, C2-7, C2-8 and C4-6 Districts and C1 or C2 Districts mapped within R9 or R10 Districts, all #signs#, other than #advertising signs# and window #signs#, shall be located in a horizontal band not higher than three feet, the base of which is located not higher than 17 feet above #curb level#. Where there is a grade change of at least 1.5 feet in 100 along the portion of the #street# upon which the #development# fronts, such signage band may be staggered along such #street#.

When a #building# on a #contiguous lot# or #contiguous block# contains #accessory# business #signs# within a coordinated horizontal band along its #street# frontage, the signage strip along the #development# shall be located at the same elevation as the adjacent band, but in no event higher than 17 feet above #curb level#. Where coordinated horizontal bands exist on two #contiguous lots# or #contiguous blocks# on both sides of the #development#, the signage strip shall be located at the same elevation as one adjacent band, or between the elevations of the two. For the purpose of this Section, the elevation is measured from the #curb level# to the base of the signage strip.

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