



Zoning Resolution

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36-25 - Waiver for Locally Oriented Houses of Worship

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In the districts indicated, the requirements set forth in Sections [36-21](#) (General Provisions) and [36-22](#) (Special Provisions for a Single Zoning Lot With Uses Subject to Different Parking Requirements) shall not apply to a house of worship, provided the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission certifies that:

- (a) seventy-five percent or more of the congregants of such house of worship reside within a three-quarter mile radius of the house of worship;
- (b) the number of spaces required pursuant to this Section is less than the number of spaces listed in the table in Section [36-23](#) (Waiver of Requirements for Spaces Below Minimum Number); and
- (c) such house of worship shall not include, as an *accessory use*, the leasing, licensing or any other grant of permission to utilize a room or other space in such house of worship for the operation of a business engaged in serving food or beverages for functions, occasions or events.

For the purposes of determining the number of spaces required pursuant to this Section, the product of the actual percentage of congregants living within a three-quarter mile radius of the house of worship, computed for the purposes of paragraph (a) of this Section, multiplied by the persons-rated capacity of the largest room of assembly, shall be subtracted from the persons-rated capacity of the largest room of assembly.

The provisions of paragraph (c) of this Section are not intended to restrict the lease, license or other permission to use a room or other space in a house of worship, when given by the house of worship to a person in order to hold a function, occasion or event, where such person hires or retains a business engaged in serving food or beverages for purposes of such function, occasion or event, and provided that such business is not located on the same *zoning lot* as the house of worship, makes its services available to non-congregants and does not operate its business substantially for the benefit or convenience of congregants or visitors to the house of worship.

A certification pursuant to this Section shall be granted on condition that the certificate of occupancy for such house of worship be marked or amended to provide that *accessory uses* shall not include the utilization of a room or other space in such house of worship for the operation of a business engaged in serving food or beverages for functions, occasions or events. The Chairperson may impose additional conditions and safeguards to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Section, in the form of a signed declaration of restrictions. The filing of any such declaration in the Borough Office of the Register of the City of New York shall be precondition for the issuance of a building permit.

Within 45 days of receipt of a complete application, including documentation of the residence of congregants in a form acceptable to the Department of City Planning, the Chairperson shall either certify that the proposed *development* or *enlargement* complies with the requirements of this Section or disapprove such application, citing the nature of any failure to comply.