



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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# **15-024 - Special bulk regulations for certain pre-existing dwelling units, joint living-work quarters for artists and loft dwellings**

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3/22/2016

- (a) The minimum size, #yard# and density requirements of Sections 15-111, 15-22, 43-17 and 111-40 (REQUIREMENTS FOR LOFT DWELLINGS CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 13, 2010), may be replaced by the requirements of this Section for #dwelling units#, #joint living-work quarters for artists# or #loft dwellings#:
- (1) existing on September 1, 1980, for which a determination of #residential# or #joint living-work quarters for artists# occupancy has been made pursuant to Sections 15-021, paragraph (c), 15-215, 42-133, paragraph (a), 42-141, paragraph (b) or 74-782; or
  - (2) that are registered Interim Multiple Dwellings or are found covered by the New York City Loft Board pursuant to Article 7C of the New York State Multiple Dwelling Law; or
  - (3) that the Loft Board determines were occupied for #residential use# or as #joint living-work quarters for artists# on September 1, 1980.
- (b) Unless required by the Loft Board for the legalization of Interim Multiple Dwelling Units in the implementation of Article 7C of the New York State Multiple Dwelling Law, #dwelling units# or #joint living-work quarters for artists# described in paragraph (a) and existing on such dates may not be divided subsequently into units or quarters of less than 1,200 square feet, and #loft dwellings# may not be divided subsequently into dwellings that do not meet the requirements of Section 111-40.

No #building# that meets the density requirements of Section 15-111 or paragraph (c) of Section 111-40, may subsequently add additional units or quarters except in accordance thereof. No #building# to which the regulations of this Section have been applied may subsequently add additional units or quarters except in accordance with the requirements of Sections 15-111.

- (c) In lieu of the stated minimum size, #yard#, and density requirements of Sections 15-111, 15-22, 43-17 and 111-40, the following regulations shall apply:
- (1) The minimum size of a #dwelling unit#, #joint living-work quarters for artists#, or #loft dwelling# may be no less than 415 square feet of #floor area#, provided that all of the following requirements are met:
    - (i) the unit or quarters shall contain one or more windows that open onto a #street# or 30 foot #yard#;
    - (ii) the area of such required window shall be not less than eight percent of the #floor area# of the unit or quarters and 50 percent of the area of such required window shall be openable; and
    - (iii) the interior dimension of the wall in which such required window is located shall be no less than 12 feet in width; or
  - (2) The minimum size of a #dwelling unit#, #joint living-work quarters for artists#, or #loft dwelling# may be no less than 600 square feet of #floor area#, provided that all of the following requirements are met:
    - (i) the unit or quarters shall contain one or more windows that open onto either:
      - (a) a 10 foot #yard#, where the window sill of such required window is at least 23 feet above #curb level#;

- (b) a 15 foot #yard#, where the window sill of such required window is less than 23 feet above #curb level#;
  - (c) a #court# with a minimum dimension of 15 feet perpendicular to such required window and 375 square feet or more in area; or
  - (d) a #street#;
- (ii) the minimum horizontal distance between such required window opening onto a #yard# and any wall opposite such window on the same or another #zoning lot# shall be at least 15 feet;
  - (iii) the area of such required window shall be no less than five percent of the #floor area# of the unit or quarters, and 50 percent of the area of such required window shall be openable;
  - (iv) the interior dimension of the wall in which such required window is located shall be no less than 12 feet in width;
  - (v) the average width of such unit or quarters shall be no less than 14 feet; and
  - (vi) not less than two-thirds of the #floor area# of the unit or quarters shall have a floor-to-ceiling height of nine feet or more.