



Zoning Resolution

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CONVERSIONS WITHIN EXISTING BUILDINGS IN  
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2/2/2011

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### 15-11 - Bulk Regulations

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For the #conversion# of non-#residential# #floor area# to #residences#, the applicable density requirements shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of Section 15-111 (Number of permitted dwelling units), and the regulations governing #open space ratio#, #yards#, the minimum distance between two or more #buildings# on a single #zoning lot# and the minimum distance between windows and walls or #lot lines# are hereby superseded and replaced by the requirements of Sections 15-112 (Light and air provisions) and 15-12 (Open Space Equivalent).

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#### 15-111 - Number of permitted dwelling units

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The maximum number of #dwelling units# permitted shall be determined in accordance with the applicable district regulations. However, where the total #floor area# on the #zoning lot# exceeds the maximum #floor area# permitted by the applicable district regulations, such excess #floor area# may be #converted# in its entirety to #residences#. Such excess #floor area# shall be included in the amount of #floor area# divided by the applicable factor in Section 23-20 (DENSITY REGULATIONS).

For the #conversion# of non-#residential# #floor area# to #residences#, pursuant to Section 74-71 (Landmark Preservation), in C7, C8 and #Manufacturing Districts#, the maximum number of #dwelling units# shall equal the total #floor area# to be #converted# to #residential use# divided by the applicable factor listed in the following table. Fractions equal to or greater than three quarters resulting from this calculation shall be considered to be one #dwelling unit#.

#### MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

District	Factor
C7 C8-1 C8-2 M1-1 M1-2 M2-1 M2-3 M3	680
C8-3 C8-4 M1-4 M1-5 M2-2 M2-4	740
M1-6	790

In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

No #floor area# shall be #converted# to #rooming units#. #Dwelling units# may be distributed anywhere within a #building# provided that any portion of a #dwelling unit# located in a #cellar# shall also comply with the provisions of Section 15-112 (Light and air provisions).

Mezzanines constructed pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Administrative Code shall be allowed within individual #dwelling units# provided that the gross area of such mezzanine does not exceed 33 1/3 percent of the #floor area# contained within such #dwelling unit#. Such mezzanines are permitted only in #buildings# with an existing #floor area ratio# of 12 or less, and only between floors, or between a floor and a roof, existing on January 22, 1998, that are to remain. Such mezzanines shall not be included as #floor area# for the purpose of calculating the minimum required size of a #dwelling unit# or for calculating #floor area# devoted to #dwelling units#.

The density provisions of this Section may be replaced by the regulations of Section 15-024 for #dwelling units# that are registered Interim Multiple Dwellings or are covered by the New York City Loft Board pursuant to Article 7C of the New York State Multiple Dwelling Law or that the Loft Board determines were occupied for #residential use# on September 1, 1980.

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## 15-112 - Light and air provisions

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- (a) Spaces other than #rooms#:
- (1) Mezzanines shall be lit and ventilated in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-732 (Natural light requirements) and Article 6 (Standard of Natural Ventilation) of the New York City Building Code.
  - (2) #Cellar# space is not permitted in #dwelling units# with three and one-half #rooms# or fewer, unless such #dwelling units# contain at least 1,200 square feet of interior #floor area#.
  - (3) Spaces, other than "living rooms," kitchens, bathrooms or mezzanines, with a minimum width of five feet in the narrowest dimension measured perpendicular to a wall enclosing such space, are not permitted in #dwelling units# with two #rooms# or fewer, unless such #dwelling units# contain at least 1,200 square feet of interior #floor area#.
- (b) Every #dwelling unit# shall meet the light and air requirements of Section 277 of the Multiple Dwelling Law.
- (c) Width to depth ratio

Where there is more than one #dwelling unit# per #story#, the average width of each #dwelling unit# shall be at least one fourth of the depth. Depth is the farthest point within the #dwelling unit# from the exterior #building# wall containing windows used to meet the requirements of paragraph (b) of this Section, measured perpendicular to such #building# wall. Width is the distance between exterior #dwelling unit# walls measured perpendicular to the depth.

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## 15-12 - Open Space Equivalent

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At least 30 percent of the gross roof area of a #building# containing 15 #dwelling units# shall be provided for recreational use. For each additional #dwelling unit#, 100 square feet of additional roof area shall be provided for recreational use, up to a maximum of 50 percent of the gross roof area. This recreational area shall be accessible to all the occupants of said #building# and their guests. No fees shall be charged to the occupants or their guests. The provisions of this Section may be modified pursuant to Section 15-30 (MINOR MODIFICATIONS).

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## 15-13 - Special Home Occupation Provision

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- (a) In C6 Districts, the #home occupation# provisions of Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS - Home occupation) shall apply, except that up to 49 percent of the total #floor area# of a #dwelling unit# may be used for a #home occupation#.
- (b) In C5 and C6 Districts, in Manhattan, in the area south of Murray Street and its easterly prolongation and the Brooklyn Bridge, the #home occupation# provisions of Section 12-10 shall apply, except that up to 49 percent of the total #floor area# of a #dwelling unit# may be used for a #home occupation#.

In addition:

- (1) businesses operated as #home occupations# may have up to three non-#residential# employees; and
- (2) notwithstanding the listing of specific #uses# prohibited in the definition of #home occupations# in Section 12-10, a #home occupation# may include any permitted #commercial# #use#, except beauty parlors, veterinary medicine and those #uses# listed in Use Group 12.

Such #home occupation# may occupy more than 500 square feet of #floor area# and, for the purposes of this Section, mezzanines shall be counted as #floor area#.