15-41 - Enlargements of Converted Buildings
In all #Commercial# and #Residence Districts#, for #enlargements# of #buildings converted# to #residences#, the City Planning Commission may authorize:

(a) a waiver of the requirements of Section 15-12 (Open Space Equivalent) for the existing portion of the #building# #converted# to #residences#; and

(b) the maximum #floor area ratio# permitted pursuant to Section 23-151 for the applicable district without regard for #height factor# or #open space ratio# requirements.

In order to grant such authorization, the Commission shall find that:

(1) the #enlarged building# is compatible with the scale of the surrounding area;

(2) open areas are provided on the #zoning lot# that are of sufficient size to serve the residents of the #building#. Such open areas, which may be located on rooftops, courtyards, or other areas on the #zoning lot#, shall be accessible to and usable by all residents of the #building#, and have appropriate access, circulation, seating, lighting and paving;

(3) the site plan includes superior landscaping for all open areas on the #zoning lot#, including the planting of #street trees#;

(4) the #enlarged building# will not adversely affect structures or #open space# in the vicinity in terms of scale, location and access to light and air.

The Commission may prescribe additional conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.