



## **Zoning Resolution**

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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# **12-01 - Rules Applying to Text of Resolution**

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The following rules of construction apply to the text of this Resolution:

- (a) The particular shall control the general.
- (b) In case of any difference of meaning or implication between the text of this Resolution and any caption, illustration, summary table or illustrative table, the text shall control.
- (c) The word "shall" is always mandatory and not discretionary. The word "may" is permissive.
- (d) Words used in the present tense shall include the future; and words used in the singular number shall include the plural, and the plural the singular, unless the context clearly indicates the contrary.
- (e) A "building" or "structure" includes any part thereof. The terms #residential building#, #commercial building# and #community facility building# shall refer to an entire #building# used exclusively for such #use#.
- (f) The phrase "used for" includes "arranged for", "designed for", "intended for", "maintained for", "or occupied for".
- (g) The word "person" includes an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an incorporated association or any other similar entity.
- (h) Unless the context clearly indicates the contrary, where a regulation involves two or more items, conditions, provisions, or events connected by the conjunction "and", "or" or "either...or", the conjunction shall be interpreted as follows:
  - (1) "and" indicates that all the connected items, conditions, provisions or events shall apply;
  - (2) "or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions or events may apply singly or in any combination; and
  - (3) "either...or" indicates that the connected items, conditions, provisions or events shall apply singly but not in combination.
- (i) The word "includes" shall not limit a term to the specified examples, but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances or circumstances of like kind or character.
- (j) References within a Section or cross-references to a Section numbered with four digits shall include all following Sections with numbers whose first four digits are identical with such Section number but references or cross-references to a Section numbered with five digits shall refer only to such specific five-digit Section. For Sections starting with 101-00,

references within a Section or cross-references to a Section numbered with five digits shall include all following Sections with numbers whose first five digits are identical with such Section number but references or cross-references to a Section numbered with six digits shall refer only to such specific six-digit Section.