



Zoning Resolution

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64-31 - Special Bulk Regulations for All Buildings

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The provisions of this Section, inclusive, are optional, and are only applicable to #zoning lots# located wholly or partially within #flood zones#. The provisions of this Section, inclusive, may be applied to #zoning lots# regardless of whether #buildings or other structures# on such #zoning lots# comply with #flood-resistant construction standards#. For such #zoning lots#, the underlying #bulk# regulations shall apply, except where permitted to be modified by this Section, inclusive.

64-311 - Special floor area modifications for all buildings

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For all #buildings#, the definition of #floor area# in Section [12-10](#) (DEFINITIONS) shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Mechanical equipment

In R1-2A, R2A, R2X, R3, R4 or R5 Districts, the limitations on exempting #floor area# for mechanical equipment set forth in paragraphs (m) and (8) in the definition of #floor area# in Section [12-10](#) (DEFINITIONS), shall not apply, provided that all mechanical equipment is located at or above the #flood-resistant construction elevation#.

(b) Flood control devices

In all districts, for every linear foot of protection by temporary flood control devices and associated fixtures, including emergency egress systems that are assembled prior to a storm and removed thereafter, up to 15 square feet of floor space used for the storage of such devices may be excluded from the definition of #floor area#, provided that in no event shall such exempted floor space exceed 1,000 square feet.

(c) Buildings containing non-#residential uses#

In #Commercial# and #Manufacturing Districts#, where the permitted #commercial# or #manufacturing# #floor area ratio# does not exceed 1.0, up to 500 square feet of floor space may be excluded from the definition of #floor area#, provided that:

- (1) the #building# is used exclusively for #non-residential uses#; and
- (2) such floor space is located at or above the #flood-resistant construction elevation#.

64-312 - Permitted obstructions in required yards, courts, and open spaces for all zoning lots

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The regulations for permitted obstructions in #yards#, #courts# and #open space# shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Mechanical equipment

In all districts, the underlying allowances for #accessory# power systems as permitted obstructions in any #open space#, #yard#, #rear yard equivalent#, or #court#, may be expanded to include all #accessory# mechanical equipment, provided that:

- (1) all equipment shall be subject to the following enclosure and screening requirements, as applicable:
 - (i) all power system equipment shall be enclosed within a #building or other structure#, or screened, as applicable, pursuant to the requirements set forth in the applicable underlying district allowances;
 - (ii) all other types of equipment, including all mechanical, electrical and plumbing equipment, shall be completely enclosed within a #building or other structure#, except as necessary for mechanical ventilation; and
- (2) the size and location of all #accessory# mechanical equipment, including all screening and enclosures containing such equipment, shall not exceed the size limitations specified in the underlying allowances, except that, where such equipment is elevated above the #flood-resistant construction elevation#, the permitted size and location of such #accessory# mechanical equipment may be modified as follows:
 - (i) where any equipment is required to be located at least five feet from any #lot line#, such distance may be reduced to three feet for #zoning lots# that have less than the prescribed minimum #lot area# or #lot width# required by the applicable district regulations;
 - (ii) the maximum height of such permitted obstructions for the applicable district:
 - (a) may be measured from the #reference plane# instead of the level of the adjoining grade or #curb level#, as applicable; or
 - (b) for #zoning lots# containing #residences# and a #lot area# greater than or equal to one and one-half acres, may exceed the applicable height limitations, provided that:
 - (1) such equipment is contained within a #building or other structure# that is located at least 30 feet from any #legally required window#;
 - (2) any stack associated with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems exhausts at a height at least as tall as the tallest #building# containing #residences# on the #zoning lot#; and
 - (3) such #building or other structure# complies with one point of the streetscape mitigations set forth in Section [64-52](#) (Ground floor level mitigation options); and
 - (iii) the maximum area that such equipment may occupy within a required #side yard#, #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#, or any #court# containing #legally required windows# need not apply where the height of such obstructions do not exceed the applicable underlying height allowances, as modified by the provisions of paragraph (a)(2)(ii)(a) of this Section.

(b) Berms

In all districts, structural landscaped berms and associated flood gates, including emergency egress systems that are assembled prior to a storm and removed thereafter, shall be permitted obstructions in any required #open space#, #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# on the #zoning lot#, provided that the height of such berm does not exceed the highest #flood-resistant construction elevation# required on the #zoning lot#, or five feet above the lowest adjoining grade, whichever is higher.

(c) Flood control devices

In all districts, temporary flood control devices and associated permanent fixtures, including emergency egress systems that are assembled prior to a storm and removed thereafter shall be permitted obstructions in #yards# and #rear yard equivalents#, #courts#, #open space#, #public plazas#, #arcades#, pedestrian circulation spaces and all other publicly accessible open spaces. However, permanent fixtures for self-standing flood control devices installed in #publicly accessible open areas#, #arcades#, and pedestrian circulation spaces shall be flush-to-grade.

(d) Steps

In all #Residence Districts#, the provisions of paragraph (a)(17) of Section [23-44](#) (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents) shall be modified to allow steps within a required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#, provided that such steps access any #story# located at or below the #first story above the flood elevation#.

64-313 - Special height and setback regulations for all buildings

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The regulations for permitted obstructions to applicable height and setback regulations shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Bulkheads and mechanical equipment in low-density #Residence Districts#

In R3-2, R4, and R5 Districts, except R4-1, R4A, R4B and R5A Districts, for #buildings# other than #single-# and #two-family residences#, the underlying permitted obstructions regulations governing elevator or stair bulkheads (including shafts, and vestibules not larger than 60 square feet in area providing access to a roof), roof water tanks, and #accessory# mechanical equipment, other than solar or wind energy systems, may be modified as follows:

- (1) In R3-2 and R4 Districts, for #buildings#, or portions thereof, subject to the provisions of Article II, Chapter 3, the provisions of Section [23-621](#) (Permitted obstructions in certain districts) shall be modified to permit such obstructions, provided that:
 - (i) such obstructions shall be located not less than 10 feet from the #street wall# of a #building# ;
 - (ii) all mechanical equipment shall be screened on all sides;
 - (iii) the #lot coverage# of all such obstructions and such screening shall not exceed 250 square feet or 10 percent of the #lot coverage# of the #building#, whichever is greater; and
 - (iv) such obstructions are limited to a height of 15 feet above the maximum height of perimeter walls;
- (2) In R3-2 and R4 Districts, for #buildings#, or portions thereof, subject to the provisions of Article II, Chapter 4, the provisions of paragraph (f) of Section [24-51](#) (Permitted Obstructions) shall apply, except that the maximum #lot coverage# may be increased from 20 percent to 30 percent of the #lot coverage# of the #building#, provided that such obstructions are limited to a maximum height of 25 feet;
- (3) In R5 Districts, the provisions of paragraph (g) of Section [23-62](#) (Permitted Obstructions), and paragraph (f) of Section [24-51](#) shall apply, as applicable, except that the maximum #lot coverage# may be increased from 20 percent to 30 percent of the #lot coverage# of the #building#, provided that such obstructions are limited to a maximum height of 25 feet.

- (b) Bulkheads and mechanical equipment in medium- and high-density #Residence Districts#, and #Commercial# and #Manufacturing Districts#

In R6 through R10 Districts, and in all #Commercial# and #Manufacturing Districts#, the underlying permitted obstructions regulations of paragraph (g) of Section [23-62](#), paragraph (f) of Section [24-51](#), paragraph (f) of Section [33-42](#), or paragraph (e) of Section [43-42](#), as applicable, governing elevator or stair bulkheads (including shafts, and vestibules not larger than 60 square feet in area providing access to a roof), roof water tanks, and #accessory# mechanical equipment, other than solar or wind energy systems, may be modified as follows:

- (1) where the maximum permitted height of a #building#, or portion thereof is less than 120 feet:
 - (i) the maximum #lot coverage# may be increased from 20 percent to 30 percent of the #lot coverage# of the #building#, provided that such obstructions are limited to a maximum height of 25 feet; or
 - (ii) the maximum permitted height of such volume may be increased from 25 feet to 33 feet, provided that the #lot coverage# of all such obstructions does not exceed 20 percent of the #lot coverage# of the #building#;
- (2) where the maximum permitted height of a #building#, or portion thereof is 120 feet or greater:
 - (i) the maximum #lot coverage# may be increased from 20 percent to a maximum #lot coverage# of 30 percent of the #lot coverage# of the #building#, provided that such obstructions are limited to a maximum height of 40 feet; or
 - (ii) the maximum permitted height of such volume may be increased from 40 feet to 55 feet, provided that the #lot coverage# of all such obstructions does not exceed 20 percent of the #lot coverage# of the #building#.

- (c) Dormers

For #Quality Housing buildings#, or portions thereof, as an alternative to the provisions of paragraph (c) of Section [23-621](#), dormers may be a permitted obstruction within a required front setback distance above a maximum base height, provided that the aggregate width of all dormers at the maximum base height does not exceed 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the highest #story# entirely below the maximum base height. Such dormers need not decrease in width as the height above the maximum base height increases.