



Zoning Resolution

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64-32 - Special Yard Regulations

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The provisions of this Section shall apply without requiring a #building# to comply with #flood-resistant construction standards# as established in paragraph (a) of Section 64-12 (Applicability).

64-321 - Level of required yards

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Underlying #yard# regulations shall be modified to allow #yards# to be higher than #curb level# but in no event higher than #flood-resistant construction elevation#. In addition, the following regulations shall apply:

- (a) in #Residence Districts# and C1 through C6 Districts, #yards# higher than #curb level# shall comply with the following standards:
 - (1) final grade shall not penetrate a plane that begins 30 inches above #curb level# at each #lot line# and has a slope extending perpendicular to #lot lines# of one foot vertical for each 2.5 feet horizontal;
 - (2) retaining walls shall be permitted above #curb level# in #yards# provided the maximum height of each wall above adjacent grade does not exceed 30 inches; and
 - (3) in #front yards# in Residence Districts, portions of fences greater than four feet above #curb level# shall be required to be no more than 50 percent opaque; and
- (b) in C7 and C8 Districts and in #Manufacturing Districts#, #yards# shall be permitted to a maximum grade equal to #flood-resistant construction elevation#. However, for portions of #zoning lots# where Sections 33-29 and 43-30 (SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLYING ALONG DISTRICT BOUNDARIES) apply, #yards# are permitted above #curb level# only pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed so as to permit the creation of spaces sub-grade on all sides in a manner inconsistent with Appendix G of the Building Code.

64-322 - Permitted obstructions in required yards, courts and open space

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- (a) For #single-# and #two-family residences#, where #flood-resistant construction elevation# is five feet or more above #curb level#, roofed porches shall be permitted obstructions in any #open space# required on the #zoning lot# and in #yards#. Balconies for such #residences# may exceed the width and depth standards of Section 23-13 where such balconies are located directly above a porch.
- (b) For #single-# and #two-family residences#, lifts for persons with disabilities shall be permitted obstructions in any #open space# required on the #zoning lot# and in #courts#, #yards# and #rear yard equivalents#, provided that in #front yards#, such lifts are unenclosed.
- (c) For all #buildings#, except #single-# and #two-family residences#, #accessory# mechanical equipment shall be a permitted obstruction in #rear yards# and #rear yard equivalents#, provided that such equipment is:
- (1) located above #flood-resistant construction elevation#;
 - (2) enclosed within a #building#, or portion thereof, or within a #structure# that provides screening of such mechanical equipment on all sides by walls consisting of at least 50 percent opaque materials;
 - (3) in R3, R4 or R5 Districts, limited to a height of 10 feet above #flood-resistant construction elevation#, including the apex of a pitched roof;
 - (4) in R6, R7, R8, R9 or R10 Districts, limited to a height of 14 feet above #flood-resistant construction elevation#; or
 - (5) in #Commercial# or #Manufacturing Districts#, limited to a height of 23 feet above #flood-resistant construction elevation#.

#Accessory# mechanical equipment located in #rear yards# or #rear yard equivalents# and meeting the standards of this Section shall be a permitted obstruction in any #open space# required on the #zoning lot#, provided that the total area occupied by a #building# used for both enclosed parking and such mechanical equipment does not exceed 20 percent of the total required #open space# on the #zoning lot#.

Decks, parapet walls, roof thickness, skylights, vegetated roofs, and weirs, as set forth in Section 23-62 (Permitted Obstructions), and solar energy systems, limited to 18 inches in height, as measured perpendicular to the roof surface, shall be permitted upon the roof of such #accessory building# within the #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#.

64-323 - Flood panels in required yards and open space

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Temporary flood control devices and associated 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#, #waterfront yards# as defined in Article VI, Chapter 2, #public plazas# and all other publicly accessible open areas during such storm event and for a reasonable period prior to and after such storm event, as determined by the Department of Buildings.