64-411 - Floors below the flood-resistant construction elevation
(a) Dry flood-proofing

In C1 and C2 Districts mapped within R1 through R6 Districts, and in C3, C4-1, C4-2 and C4-3 Districts, where the level of any finished floor above adjacent grade that existed on October 28, 2012, is below #flood-resistant construction elevation#, such floor space may be exempted from the definition of #floor area# provided that such floor space, as well as any space below such floor space, complies with the #flood-resistant construction standards# for dry flood-proofing. The certificate of occupancy, if required, shall note that such floor space has been dry flood-proofed and must comply with the provisions of Appendix G of the New York City Building Code, and that the number of #dwelling units# or #rooming units# shall be limited to no more than the number existing on October 28, 2012.

In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) such floor space exempted from the definition of #floor area# shall not exceed 10,000 square feet;

(2) such floor space exempted from the definition of #floor area# shall be used for a #community facility use# or #commercial use# permitted by the underlying zoning district;

(3) no floor space shall be exempted if parking spaces within such #building# are located within 30 feet of the #street wall#; and

(4) the #building# shall contain no more #dwelling units# or #rooming units# than existed on October 28, 2012.

(b) Wet flood-proofing

This paragraph shall not apply to #buildings# containing non-#residential uses# where the #flood-resistant construction elevation# is less than two feet above the level of the first finished floor above #curb level#.

Where the level of any finished floor above adjacent grade that existed on October 28, 2012, is below #flood-resistant construction elevation#, such floor space may be exempted from the definition of #floor area# provided that such floor space, as well as any space below such floor space, complies with the #flood-resistant construction standards# for wet flood-proofing. The certificate of occupancy, if required, shall note that such floor space has been wet flood-proofed and must comply with the provisions of Appendix G of the Building Code.

The #floor area# which has been flood-proofed pursuant to the provisions of this Section need not be rebuilt prior to sign-off by the Department of Buildings or issuance of a certificate of occupancy for such alteration to the flood-proofed floor space in order for such #floor area# to be preserved as long as an application for construction documents for the reconstruction of such #floor area# has been approved by the Department of Buildings prior to the issuance of such sign-off or certificate of occupancy for the alteration associated with the flood-proofing. Such construction documents shall acknowledge that the #non-complying floor area# is being preserved and shall depict its use within the same #building# in a manner complying with #flood-resistant construction standards#. 