Zoning Resolution

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64-50 - STREETSCAPE REGULATIONS

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The provisions of this Section, inclusive, shall apply to #zoning lots# containing #flood-resistant buildings#, as set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c) of Section 64-12 (Applicability), that have a #street wall# within 50 feet of the #street line# in #Residence Districts#, #Commercial Districts# and M1 Districts. However, the provisions shall not apply to such #buildings# containing #uses# predominantly listed under Use Groups IV(B), IX(B) or X.

All #buildings# shall provide streetscape mitigation elements in the categories of access or ground floor level, in order to achieve the total points required in the following table. The total points required varies based upon the level of the #first story above the flood elevation#, as measured from #curb level#. The individual mitigation options are set forth in Sections 64-51 (Building Access Mitigation Options) and 64-52 (Ground Floor Level Mitigation Options). Cells marked with an "x" designate mandatory categories to fulfill at least one point out of the total points requirement.

The points awarded for compliance with each individual mitigation are set forth in parentheses after the title to each paragraph describing a mitigation element.

For #corner lots#, the total points requirement set forth in this Section shall apply separately along each #street frontage# except where the #street wall# width along one of the #street frontages# is 25 feet or less, the requirements need only apply to one frontage.

Where #zoning lots# are required to provide streetscape elements in accordance with other provisions of this Resolution, such elements may also be utilized towards meeting the requirements of this Section, provided that such elements comply with the applicable standard herein.

In addition, all #buildings# shall meet the requirements set forth in Section 64-53 (Screening Requirements for Parking Within or Below Buildings) as applicable.

Level of the #first story above the flood elevation#	Streetscape Mitigation Elements		Total Points Required
	Building Access (Section 64-51)	Ground Floor Level (Section 64-52)	
Below five feet or no #first story above the flood elevation#			1
Five feet or above	x	x	3[1,2]

[1] #Single-# and #two-family residences# on a #zoning lot# less than 25 feet wide with a #first story above the flood elevation# at five feet or above need only satisfy a total of two points instead of the three points set forth in the above table.

[2] If the requirements of this Section apply to only a portion of the #building# with a #first story above the flood elevation# at five feet or above, and such portion of the #building# does not have a #primary entrance#, the total points required shall be two, and they need only be satisfied through the ground floor level category.

64-51 - Building Access Mitigation Options

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64-511 - Options available for all #buildings#

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The streetscape mitigations options of this Section may be applied to all #buildings#. Where provided as a required streetscape mitigation element, the following shall apply:

(a) Entrance close to grade
(one point)

The #primary entrance# for the principal #use# for the #building# shall be located within two feet of the level of the adjoining sidewalk. However, for #mixed buildings# in #Commercial Districts# the #primary entrance# for the non-#residential use# on the ground floor shall be located within two feet of the level of the adjoining sidewalk, regardless of whether it is the principal #use#.

(b) Recessed access
(one point)

Recesses in the #street wall# shall accommodate the #primary entrance# to the #building#, including stairs or ramps to such entrance. However, recesses shall not exceed 50 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall# for the #building#.

(c) Wide stairs
(one point)

The #primary entrance# to a #building# along the #street wall# shall include stairs:

(1) with a minimum width of five feet where the #aggregate width of street walls# of the #building# is less than or equal to 25 feet; and

(2) with a minimum width of eight feet where the #aggregate width of street walls# of the #building# is greater than 25 feet.

In both cases, the run of such stairs shall be oriented perpendicular, or within 15 degrees of being perpendicular, to such #primary entrance# for at least 50 percent of the height of such stairs.

(d) Covered access
(one point)

The #primary entrance# to a #building# shall have a porch or access area covered by a roof or other permanent structure, provided that all structural elements shall have a minimum width or depth of at least three inches. Such roof or other permanent structure shall be located at a minimum height at least eight feet above the finished floor of the #primary entrance#. In addition, such covering shall have a depth of at least three feet measured perpendicular to the #street wall# and shall extend along at least 50 percent of the #aggregate width of the street wall#.

64-512 - Additional options available for single-family, two-family, or three-family residences

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The streetscape mitigations options of this Section may be applied to all #single-#, #two-#, or three-#family residences#. Where provided as a required streetscape mitigation element, the following shall apply:

(a) Porch or landing
(one point)

The #primary entrance# to a building shall have a porch or landing with a depth of at least three feet and a width that is at least 50 percent of the #aggregate width of the street wall#. However, such porch or landing need not exceed a width of 25 feet.

(b) Stair turn or stair landing
(one point)

The #primary entrance# shall be accessed by stairs or ramps that, at a point no higher or lower than two feet from the beginning and end of the stair run, respectively, either change direction in plan or incorporate at least one landing.

64-513 - Additional options available for all buildings except single-, two-family, or three-family residences

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The streetscape mitigations options of this Section may be applied to all #buildings# except #single-#, #two-#, or three-#family residences#. Where provided as a required streetscape mitigation element, the following shall apply:

Multiple entrances
(one point)

Multiple entrances into the #building# shall be provided, with at least one entrance per every 50 linear feet of #street frontage#. Fractions equal to or greater than one-half resulting from this calculation shall be considered one entrance.

64-52 - Ground Floor Level Mitigation Options

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For the purposes of this Section, where there is a reference to a "blank wall," the following shall apply:

(a) For #manufacturing buildings#, the provisions of Type 2 blank walls set forth in Section 37-361 (Blank wall thresholds) shall apply.

(b) For #commercial buildings#, #community facility buildings# and #mixed buildings#, the provisions of Type 3 blank walls set forth in Section 37-361 shall apply.

(c) For #residential buildings#, the provisions of Type 4 blank walls set forth in Section 37-361 shall apply.

Such blank walls shall be covered by one or more options in Section 37-362 (Mitigation elements) or by options as described in this Section, inclusive. In addition, any surface area of a wall which bounds stairs, ramps, landings, or chair lifts facing a #street# and that exceeds a height and width of four feet

shall constitute a blank wall and comply with the standards of Type 3 blank wall. Such blank wall surfaces shall be calculated between the level of the adjoining sidewalk and the level of the #first story above the flood elevation#. In addition, any surface area of a wall which bounds stairs, ramps, landings, or chair lifts facing a #street# and that exceeds a height and width of four feet shall constitute a blank wall and comply with the standards of Type 3 blank wall. Such blank wall surfaces shall be calculated between the level of the adjoining sidewalk and the level of the #first story above the flood elevation#.

64-521 - Options available for all buildings

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The streetscape mitigations options of this Section may be applied to all #buildings#. Where provided as a required streetscape mitigation element, the following shall apply:

(a) Surface treatment
(one point)

Surface treatment shall be provided for blank walls in the form of wall treatment, surface texture, or any combination thereof, pursuant to the provisions set forth in paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) of Section 37-362 (Mitigation elements).

If the level of the #first story above flood elevation# is greater than 10 feet, surface treatment shall only be required to a height of 10 feet above the level of the adjoining sidewalk.

(b) Linear treatment
(one or, where noted, two points)

Linear treatment shall be provided for blank walls in the form of planting, pursuant to the provisions set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of Section 37-362, pursuant to one of the following options below, or any combination thereof. Where the options of this Section are utilized, the percentage requirement associated with the applicable type of blank wall set forth in Section 37-36 (Special Requirements for Blank Walls) shall not apply.

(1) Raised front #yards# and #open space#

For #residential buildings# in #Residence Districts# where the distance between the #street wall# and the #street line# is 10 feet or more, the grade between the #street line# and blank walls, and their prolongations, shall be elevated above the level of the adjoining sidewalk so that the height of such grade that is midway between the #street line# and blank walls and prolongations is at least 18 inches above #curb level# at all points, except for pedestrian ways, vehicular access and off-street parking spaces permitted pursuant to 64-40 (SPECIAL PARKING REGULATIONS). The area with final grade above the level of the adjoining sidewalk shall be greater than 30 percent of the total area between the #street line# and blank walls and their prolongations.

Raised front #yards# and #open spaces# shall be planted in accordance with applicable planting requirements in this Resolution.

This option shall satisfy two points if the area with final grade above #curb level# is greater than 50 percent of the total area between the #street line# and blank walls and their prolongations.

(2) Terraced front #yards# and #open spaces#

For #residential buildings# in #Residence Districts#, terraced planting areas shall be provided. The retaining walls of such areas shall not be less than an average height of

three feet and exceed an average height of six feet, as measured from the level of the adjoining sidewalk below such wall, and the retaining wall closest to the #street line# shall not exceed a height of three feet. The area with the retaining walls shall be greater than 30 percent of the total area between the #street line# and blank walls and their prolongations. Planting shall also be provided for at least 50 percent of the linear footage above and below the retaining walls, through a combination of perennials, annual flowers, decorative grasses or shrubs.

This option shall satisfy two points if the area with the retaining walls is greater than 50 percent of the total area between the #street line# and blank walls and their prolongations.

64-522 - Additional options available for single-, two-, or three-family residences

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The streetscape mitigations options of this Section may be applied to all #single-#, #two-#, or three-#family residences#. Where provided as a required streetscape mitigation element, the following shall apply:

(a) Transparency
(one point)

Transparent glazing materials shall occupy at least 20 percent of the surface area of the #street wall# of the ground floor, measured between a height of two feet and 10 feet, or the height of

the ground floor ceiling, whichever is higher, as measured from the adjoining sidewalk.

(b) Additional fenestration
(one point)

In addition to the #primary entrance#, one or more doors, including garage doors, shall be provided.

64-523 - Additional options available for all buildings except single-, two-, or three-family residences

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The streetscape mitigations options of this Section may be applied to all #buildings# except #single-family#, #two-family#, or three-family residences. Where provided as a required streetscape mitigation element, the following shall apply:

(a) Transparency with #use#
(one point)

One or more of the following options may apply:

(1) Lobby
(one point)

In all districts, a lobby that complies with the standards set forth in Section 37-33 (Maximum Width of Certain Uses), shall be provided. Transparent glazing materials shall occupy at least 40 percent of the surface area of the #street wall# of the lobby, measured between a height of two feet and 10 feet, or the height of the ground floor ceiling, whichever is higher, as measured from the adjoining sidewalk.

(2) #Community facilities# and #accessory# #residential uses#
(one point)

In all districts, for #buildings# containing #residences# with three or more #dwelling units#, at least 50 percent of the #ground floor level# #street wall# shall be allocated to #accessory# #residential uses# other than #accessory# off-street parking, or #community facilities uses#, including, but not limited to, recreation space or bicycle storage, that extends to a minimum depth of 15 feet from the #street wall#. Transparent glazing materials shall occupy at least 40 percent of the surface area of the #street wall# of such #uses#, measured between a height of two feet and 10 feet, or the height of the ground floor ceiling, whichever is higher, as measured from the adjoining sidewalk. Where the spaces for such #uses# need not be fully enclosed, decorative screening or latticework may be substituted for transparent glazing materials.

(3) Non-#residential uses#
(one point)

In #Commercial Districts#, #uses# on the #ground floor level#, to the minimum depth set forth in Section 37-32 (Ground Floor Depth Requirements for Certain Uses), shall be limited to non-#residential uses#, except for lobbies and entrances and exits to #accessory# parking spaces provided in accordance with Section 37-33. Ground floor level #street walls# shall be glazed in accordance with Section 37-34 (Minimum

Transparency Requirements) except that the transparent materials may begin higher than 2 feet, 6 inches, above the level of the adjoining sidewalk.

If #group parking facilities# are provided, they shall be wrapped by #floor area#, in accordance with paragraph (a) of Section 37-35 (Parking Wrap and Screening Requirements).

(b) Transparency close to grade
(one point)

In all districts, transparent materials provided to satisfy #street wall# transparency requirements shall not begin higher than 2 feet, 6 inches above the level of the adjoining sidewalk. The floor level behind such transparent glazing materials shall not exceed the level of the window sill for a depth of at least four feet, as measured perpendicular to the #street wall#.

(c) Linear treatment
(one point)

Linear treatment shall be provided for blank walls in the form of benches, bicycle racks, tables and chairs, or any combination thereof, as set forth in paragraph (b) of Section 37-362 (Mitigation elements).

64-53 - Screening Requirements for Parking Within or Below Buildings

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The provisions of this Section shall apply to all #buildings# other than:

(a) #single# or #two-family residences#; and

(b) #buildings# containing #uses# predominantly listed under Use Group IV(B), IX(B) or X.

Where the #first story above the flood elevation# is five or more feet above #curb level# and the #street wall# of a #building# is within 50 feet of the #street line#, for any level where off-street parking is provided within or below a #building#, such parking shall be either wrapped by #floor area# or screened pursuant to the provisions of Section 37-35 (Parking Wrap and Screening Requirements).

#Buildings# in existence prior to May 12, 2021, shall not be altered in any way that will create a new #non-compliance# or increase the degree of #non-compliance# with the provisions of this Section.