



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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# **73-70 - SPECIAL PERMITS IN THE FLOOD ZONE**

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The following Sections shall apply to #zoning lots# located wholly or partially within the #flood zone#.

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## 73-71 - Special Permit for Modification of Certain Zoning Regulations

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In #flood zones#, for all districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit modification of the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4 (Special Regulations Applying in Flood Zones), and any other applicable ground floor #use#, supplementary #use#, #bulk#, and parking regulations of the Zoning Resolution, provided that the conditions of paragraph (a) of this Section, and the findings of paragraph (b) are met.

For the purposes of this Section, defined terms include those in Section [12-10](#) and those in Section [64-11](#).

(a) Conditions

All applications shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) the #building# complies with #flood-resistant construction standards#;
- (2) any modification of height and setback regulations related to increasing the permitted overall height shall not exceed the maximum height permitted by the applicable underlying district regulations by 10 percent, or 10 feet, whichever is greater, as measured from the #reference plane#; and
- (3) any increase in the amount of permitted #floor area# shall be limited to no more than 20 percent of the #floor area# permitted on the #zoning lot#, and in no event more than 10,000 square feet of #floor area#. However, such restriction shall not apply to #non-complying# #buildings# with #non-complying# #floor area#, provided that the total #floor area# of the altered, #enlarged#, relocated, or reconstructed #building#, does not exceed the amount of existing #floor area# of such pre-existing #building#.

(b) Findings

In order to grant the special permit, the Board shall find that:

- (1) there would be a practical difficulty in complying with #flood-resistant construction standards# without such modifications, and that such modifications are the minimum necessary to allow for an appropriate #building# in compliance with #flood-resistant construction standards#;
- (2) any modification related to an increase in the amount of permitted #floor area# is the minimum necessary to address practical difficulties in retaining pre-existing habitable space;
- (3) any modification related to parking regulations to permit a reduction in the number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces and the change in location of #accessory# off-street parking spaces, will:
  - (i) facilitate an improved site plan;
  - (ii) not cause traffic congestion; and

- (iii) not have undue adverse effects on residents, businesses or #community facilities# in the surrounding area, as applicable, including the availability of parking spaces for such #uses#; and
- (4) the proposed modifications will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood in which the #building# is located, nor impair the future use or development of the surrounding area in consideration of the neighborhood's potential development in accordance with #flood-resistant construction standards#.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

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## 73-72 - Special Permit for Ground Floor Uses in Residence Districts

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In all #Residence Districts#, for #buildings# containing #residential uses#, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit offices, as listed in Use Group 6B, provided that the conditions of paragraph (a) of this Section, and the findings of paragraph (b) of this Section are met:

(a) Conditions

All applications shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) the #building# complies with #flood-resistant construction standards#;
- (2) the office #use# is located on the lowest #story# above grade within the #building#;
- (3) access to such office #use# is from a separate entrance than that serving the #residential# portion of the #building#;
- (4) the #floor area# associated with such office #use# shall be considered as #community facility# #use# for the purposes of determining compliance with the applicable district #floor area ratio# regulations, and amount of #floor area# attributed to such office #use# shall not exceed 10,000 square feet;
- (5) the office #use# complies with the #accessory# off-street parking regulations for ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities, as listed in Section [22-14](#) (Use Group 4), in accordance with Article II, Chapter 5 (Accessory Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations); and
- (6) such office #use# complies with #accessory# #signs# regulations for #buildings# containing #residences#, as set forth in Section [22-32](#) (Permitted Non-Illuminated Accessory Signs).

(b) Findings

In order to grant the special permit, the Board shall find that:

- (a) such office #use# will generate a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #streets# and will not create traffic congestion;
- (b) such office #use# will not produce objectionable effects; and
- (c) such office #use# will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood in which the #building# is located.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding

area.