74-48 - Scientific Research and Development Facility
In C6 Districts, the City Planning Commission may permit a scientific research and development facility containing laboratories for medical, biotechnological, chemical or genetic research, including space for production, storage and distribution of scientific products generated through research and may modify height and setback regulations for the facility. Such facility shall conform to the performance standards applicable to M1 Districts and occupy a zoning lot that either contains a minimum lot area of 40,000 square feet or comprises an entire block. No residential use is to be located anywhere on a zoning lot containing such a facility.

As a condition for granting a special permit, the Commission shall find that the scientific research and development facility:

(a) will not unduly affect the essential character or impair the future use and development of the surrounding area;

(b) will be located so as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local streets;

(c) provides fully enclosed storage space for all raw materials, finished products, by-products and waste materials including debris, refuse and garbage; and

(d) that the modification of such height and setback regulations will not unduly obstruct the access of light and air to adjoining properties or public streets.

To minimize traffic congestion in the area, the Commission shall require the provision of off-street loading berths conforming to the requirements set forth in Section 36-62 (Required Accessory Off-street Loading Berths) for commercial uses.

The Commission may also require the provision of accessory off-street parking facilities to prevent the creation of traffic congestion caused by the curb parking of vehicles generated by such use. The size and location of such parking and loading facilities shall comply with the applicable provisions of Section 36-00.

All applications for the grant of a special permit pursuant to this Section shall be referred to the Commissioner of Health of the City of New York or its successor for a report and recommendations on matters relating to health, safety and general welfare of the public with regard to the proposed facility. If the report is received within 45 days from the date of referral, the Commission shall, in its determination, give due consideration to the report and its recommendations. If such agency does not report within 45 days, the Commission may make a final determination without reference thereto.

In order to promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare, the City Planning Commission may impose additional conditions and safeguards and more restrictive performance standards where necessary.