Zoning Resolution

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74-92 - Use Groups 3A and 4A Community Facilities and Certain Large Retail Establishments in Manufacturing Districts

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74-921 - Use Groups 3A and 4A community facilities

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10/13/2010

(a) Use modifications for Use Groups 3A and 4A in M1 Districts

In M1 Districts, except for houses of worship and ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities, the City Planning Commission may permit uses listed in Use Group 4A - Community Facilities and, in M1-5 Districts, except in M1-5A, M1-5B and M1-5M Districts, the Commission may permit museums and non-commercial art galleries as listed in Use Group 3A, provided that such community facility is located not more than 400 feet from the boundary of a district where such facility is permitted as-of-right and the Commission finds that:

(1) an adequate separation from noise, traffic and other adverse effects of the surrounding non-residential districts is achieved through the use of sound-attenuating exterior wall and window construction or by the provision of adequate open areas along lot lines of the zoning lot;

(2) such facility is so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local streets and that such use will not produce traffic congestion or other adverse effects that interfere with the appropriate use of land in the district or in any adjacent district;

(3) where applicable, adequate reservoir space at the vehicular entrance and sufficient vehicular entrances and exits are provided to prevent congestion;

(4) in selecting the site, due consideration has been given to the proximity and adequacy of bus and rapid transit facilities;

(5) for a Use Group 4A use, within the neighborhood primarily to be served by the community facility, there is no practical possibility of obtaining a site of adequate size located in a district where it is permitted as-of-right because appropriate sites in such districts are occupied by substantial improvements; and

(6) such facility will not impair the essential character of the surrounding area.

(b) Bulk modifications for museums in M1-5 Districts
For a #building# containing a museum #use# listed in Use Group 3A, in an M1-5 District, on a #zoning lot# over which the High Line (as defined in Section 98-01) passes, the Commission may modify height and setback regulations, provided that such modifications:

(1) provide a better distribution of #bulk# on the #zoning lot#;

(2) result in a better relationship of the #building# to open areas including the High Line, adjacent #streets# and surrounding properties;

(3) provide adequate light and air for #buildings# on the #zoning lot# and do not adversely affect adjacent #zoning lots# by unduly restricting access to light and air to surrounding #streets# and properties; and

(4) result in a #building# containing a museum #use# that facilitates the public’s use and enjoyment of the High Line.

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

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**74-922 - Certain large retail establishments**

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In M1 Districts, the City Planning Commission may permit department stores, carpet, rug, linoleum or other floor covering stores, clothing or clothing accessory stores, dry goods or fabric stores, food stores, furniture stores, television, radio, phonograph or household appliance stores, or variety stores, with no limitation on #floor area# per establishment.

In M1-5 or M1-6 Districts, the Commission may modify the applicable regulations governing height and setback or #yards# for a change of #use#, #extension# or minor #enlargement# involving a large retail establishment.

In M1-5M Districts, the Commission may also modify the applicable regulations governing loading berths so as to allow the location of such berths off-site in conjunction with a change of #use#, #extension# or #enlargement# of a large retail establishment with a #floor area# of at least 25,000 square feet within a #building designed for residential use#.

As a condition of granting a special permit for such large retail establishments, the Commission shall find:

(a) that the principal vehicular access for such #use# is not located on a local #narrow street#;

(b) that such #use# is so located to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #streets#;
(c) that adequate reservoir space at the vehicular entrance, and sufficient vehicular entrances and exits, are provided to prevent congestion;

(d) that vehicular entrances and exits are provided for such #uses# and are located not less than 100 feet apart;

(e) that in selecting the site due consideration has been given to the proximity and adequacy of bus and rapid transit facilities;

(f) that such #use# is so located as not to impair the essential character or the future use of or development of the surrounding area;

(g) that such #use# will not produce any adverse effects which interfere with the appropriate #use# of land in the district or in any adjacent district;

(h) that such #bulk# modifications will not unduly obstruct the access of light and air to surrounding streets and properties; and

(i) that in the case of modification of loading berth regulations to allow off-site loading berths, the Commission further finds:

1. that an adequate alternate loading facility in the same ownership (single fee ownership or control or alternative ownership arrangements of the #zoning lot# definition in Section 12-10) as the retail store is provided, subject to a deed restriction filed in an office of record binding the owner and his heirs and assigns to maintain the alternate facility throughout the life of the retail store;

2. that the alternate loading facility is located within the same district or an adjoining C6-M, C8 or #Manufacturing District# and the maximum distance between the two sites is 1000 feet;

3. that the location of the loading berths on the same #zoning lot# as the retail store would have a significant impact on the existing #residential uses# in the #building#;

4. that the location of the loading berths on the same #zoning lot# as the retail store would create serious vehicular and pedestrian traffic conflict on the #street# upon which the store fronts; and

5. that the alternate location of such loading berths will not unduly affect the movement of pedestrians or vehicles on the #streets# surrounding the alternate site.

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