Zoning Resolution

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96-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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The "Special Clinton District" (hereinafter also referred to as the "Special District"), established in this Resolution, is designed to promote and protect public health, safety, general welfare and amenity. Because of the unique geographical location of the Clinton community, situated between the waterfront on the west and a growing central business district on the east, it is necessary to provide specific programs and regulations which will assure realization of community and citywide goals.

These goals include, among others, the following:

(a) to preserve and strengthen the residential character of the community;

(b) to permit rehabilitation and new construction within the area in character with the existing scale of the community and at rental levels which will not substantially alter the mixture of income groups currently residing in the area;

(c) to preserve the small-scale character and variety of existing stores and activities and to control new commercial uses in conformity with the existing character of the area;

(d) to recognize the unique character of the eastern edge of the District as an integral part of the Theater Subdistrict within the Special Midtown District as well as the Special Clinton District;

(e) to provide an appropriate transition from the mixed-use character along Eighth Avenue to the lower-scale residential character of the Clinton community on the narrow streets;

(f) to relate the unique character of the 42nd Street Perimeter Area to the adjacent Special Hudson Yards District;

(g) to provide amenities, such as street trees, to improve the physical environment;

(h) to restrict demolition of buildings that are suitable for rehabilitation and continued residential use; and

(i) to promote the most desirable use of land in the area and thus to conserve the value of land and buildings, and thereby protect the City's tax revenues, consistent with the foregoing purposes.

96-01 - Definitions

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For purposes of this Chapter, matter in italics is defined in Sections 12-10, 32-301 or within this Section.

Certification of no harassment

"Certification of no harassment" shall mean a certification by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development pursuant to Section 96-107 that there has not been #harassment# of the lawful occupants of a #multiple dwelling# during the #inquiry period#, as defined in Section 96-107.

Harassment

"Harassment" shall mean any conduct by or on behalf of an owner of a #multiple dwelling# that includes:

(a) the use or threatened use of force which causes or is intended to cause any person lawfully entitled to occupancy of a #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# in such #multiple dwelling# to vacate such unit or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy;

(b) the interruption or discontinuance of essential services which:

(1) interferes with or disturbs or is intended to interfere with or disturb the comfort, repose, peace or quiet of any person lawfully entitled to occupancy of a #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# in the use or occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; and

(2) causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# to vacate such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy;

(c) a failure to comply with the provisions of subdivision (c) of section 27-2140 of article seven of subchapter five of the Housing Maintenance Code which causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# to vacate such unit or to waive any rights in relation to such occupancy; or

(d) any other conduct which prevents or is intended to prevent any person from the lawful occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# or causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# to vacate such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy including, but not limited to, removing the possessions of any occupant from the #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; removing the door at the entrance to the #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; removing, plugging or otherwise rendering the lock on such entrance door

inoperable; or changing the lock on such entrance door without supplying the occupant with a key.

For purposes of this definition, #dwelling unit#, #referral date# and #rooming unit# shall be defined as in Section 96-107.

Material alteration

“Material alteration” shall mean any alteration to a #multiple dwelling# including, but not limited to, an alteration which reduces or increases the #floor area# of the #multiple dwelling#, #converts# #floor area# from #residential# to non-#residential use#, changes the number or layout of #dwelling units# or #rooming units#, or adds or removes kitchens or bathrooms; provided, however, that #material alteration# shall not include:

(a) an #incidental alteration# which does not change the layout of #dwelling units# or #rooming units#; or

(b) a repair or replacement of existing elements of such #multiple dwelling# without materially modifying such elements.

For purposes of this definition, #dwelling unit# and #rooming unit# shall be defined as in Section 96-110.

Mixed building

For the purposes of this Chapter, a "mixed building" is a #building# in a #Commercial District# used partly for #residential use# and partly for #community facility# or #commercial# #use#, or a #building# in a #Residence District# used partly for #residential use# and partly for #community facility use#.

Multiple dwelling

“Multiple dwelling” shall have the meaning set forth in the Multiple Dwelling Law.

96-02 - General Provisions

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Except as modified by the express provisions of this Chapter, the regulations of the underlying districts, or as modified by the #Special Midtown District#, remain in effect.

The #Special Midtown District# and its regulations, where applicable in the #Special Clinton District#, shall also apply and shall supplement or supersede regulations as set forth in this Chapter pursuant to Section 96-22 (Special Regulations for Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area). In the event of any conflict or discrepancy between the regulations, the more restrictive regulations shall apply in accordance with Section 11-22 (Application of Overlapping Regulations). This portion of the Special Purpose District is designated on the #zoning map# by the letters "CL-MiD."

Wherever the #Special Clinton District# includes an area which also lies within the #Special Hudson River Park District#, the requirements of the #Special Hudson River Park District#, as set forth in Article VIII, Chapter 9, shall apply.

In #flood zones#, or for #transit-adjacent sites# or #qualifying transit improvement sites#, as defined in Section 66-11 (Definitions), in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4 (Special Regulations Applying in Flood Hazard Areas), or Article VI, Chapter 6 (Special Regulations Applying Around Mass Transit Stations), the provisions of Article VI shall control.

96-03 - District Map

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The District Map for the #Special Clinton District# (Appendix A) identifies specific areas comprising the Special District in which special zoning regulations carry out the general purposes of the #Special Clinton District#. These areas and the sections of this Chapter which contain regulations pertaining thereto are as follows:

Area A - PRESERVATION AREA, Section 96-10

Area B - PERIMETER AREA, Section 96-20

Area C - OTHER AREAS, Section 96-30