



## **Zoning Resolution**

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
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# **128-30 - HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS**

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10/30/2013

The provisions of this Section, inclusive, shall apply to all #buildings or other structures# within the Upland Subdistrict.

In C1-2 Districts mapped within R3-2 Districts, all #buildings or other structures# shall comply with the height and setback regulations of R4 Districts, except that the maximum perimeter wall height shall be 26 feet, and the #street wall# location provisions of Section 128-32 (Street Wall Location) shall apply.

The underlying height and setback regulations of C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the height and setback regulations of this Section, inclusive, shall apply.

In the South and North Waterfront Subdistricts, the underlying height and setback regulations of Section 62-34 (Height and Setback Regulations on Waterfront Blocks) shall apply, except that:

- (a) in the South Waterfront Subdistrict, rooftop regulations shall be as modified in Section 128-31 (Rooftop Regulations); and
- (b) in the North Waterfront Subdistrict, #developments#, #enlargements#, alterations and changes of #use# permitted pursuant to Section 128-61 (Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites) shall instead be subject to the Proposed Plans, as set forth in Section 128-61, as approved pursuant to such special permit.

All heights shall be measured from the #base plane#, except that wherever a minimum or maximum base height is specified for #zoning lots# with multiple #street frontages#, such heights shall be determined separately for each #street# frontage, with each height measured from the final grade of the sidewalk fronting such #street wall#.

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## 128-31 - Rooftop Regulations

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4/30/2012

The provisions of Section 33-42 (Permitted Obstructions) shall apply to all #buildings#, except that dormers may penetrate a maximum base height in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of Section 23-621 (Permitted obstructions in certain districts).

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## 128-32 - Street Wall Location

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(a) #Street walls# along #commercial streets#

For #zoning lots# with #commercial street# frontage, the #street wall# shall extend along at least 70 percent of the #commercial street# frontage of the #zoning lot# and be located within eight feet of the #street line# of the #commercial street#, or sidewalk widening line, whichever is applicable.

(b) #Street walls# along non-#commercial streets#

For #zoning lots# without #commercial street# frontage, the #street wall# shall extend along at least 50 percent of the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# and be located within eight feet of the #street line# or sidewalk widening line, whichever is applicable.

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, such #street walls# shall rise without setback to the minimum height specified on Map 3 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights) in the Appendix to this Chapter, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. When a #building# fronts on two intersecting #streets# for which different minimum base heights apply, the higher base height may wrap around to the #street# with the lower base height, for a distance of up to 100 feet.

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## 128-33 - Maximum Base Height

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The maximum height of a #building or other structure# before setback shall be as specified on Map 3 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights) in the Appendix to this Chapter. Where a maximum base height of 65 feet applies as shown on Map 3, such maximum base height shall be reduced to 40 feet for #zoning lots developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the tower provisions of Section 128-35. When a #building# fronts on two intersecting #streets# for which different maximum base heights apply, the higher base height may wrap around to the #street# with the lower base height for a distance of up to 100 feet. All portions of #buildings or other structures# above such maximum base heights shall provide a setback at least 10 feet in depth measured from any #street wall# facing a #wide street# and 15 feet in depth from any #street wall# facing a #narrow street#.

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, dormers may exceed the maximum base height in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of Section 23-621 (Permitted obstructions in certain districts). However, on any #zoning lot# that includes a tower #developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to Section 128-35, dormers shall not be permitted.

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## 128-34 - Maximum Building Height

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In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, for #buildings# that are not #developed# or

#enlarged# pursuant to the tower provisions of Section 128-35 (Towers), the maximum height of a #building or other structure# and the maximum number of #stories#, as applicable, shall be as set forth in Section 23-662 (Maximum height of buildings and setback regulations) for a residential equivalent of an R6 District. Separate maximum #building# heights are set forth within such Section for #developments# or #enlargements# with #qualifying ground floors# and for those with #non-qualifying ground floors#. However, on Bay Street where there is a maximum base height of 85 feet, the maximum height of a #building or other structure# also shall be 85 feet.

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict for #buildings# that are #developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the tower provisions of Section 128-35, the maximum height of the tower portion of a #building# shall be 200 feet, and the height of all other portions of the #building# shall not exceed the applicable maximum base height. Where a maximum base height of 65 feet applies as shown on Map 3 in the Appendix to this Chapter, such maximum base height shall be reduced to 40 feet for #zoning lots developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the tower provisions of Section 128-35.

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## 128-35 - Towers

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The tower provisions of this Section shall apply, as an option, to any #zoning lot# with a #lot area# of at least 10,000 square feet. Any portion of a #building developed# or #enlarged# on such #zoning lots# that exceeds the applicable maximum base height shall be constructed as either a point tower or a broad tower, as follows:

(a) Point tower

(1) Tower #lot coverage# and maximum length

Each #story# located entirely above a height of 75 feet shall not exceed a gross area of 6,800 square feet. The outermost walls of each #story# shall be inscribed within a rectangle, and the maximum length of any side of such rectangle shall be 85 feet.

(2) Tower top articulation

The highest three #stories#, or as many #stories# as are located entirely above a height of 75 feet, whichever is less, shall have a #lot coverage# of at least 50 percent of the #story# immediately below such #stories#, and a maximum #lot coverage# of 80 percent of the #story# immediately below such #stories#. Such reduced #lot coverage# shall be achieved by one or more setbacks on each face of the tower, where at least one setback on each tower face has a depth of at least four feet, and a width that, individually or in the aggregate, is equal to at least 10 percent of the width of such respective tower face. For the purposes of this paragraph (a)(2), each tower shall have four tower faces, with each face being the side of a rectangle within which the outermost walls of the highest #story# not subject to the reduced

#lot coverage# provisions have been inscribed. The required setbacks shall be measured from the outermost walls of the #building# facing each tower face. Required setback areas may overlap.

(b) Broad tower

Each #story# located entirely above a height of 75 feet shall not exceed a gross area of 8,800 square feet. The outermost walls of each such #story# shall be inscribed within a rectangle, and the maximum length of any side of such rectangle shall be 135 feet. The upper #stories# shall provide setbacks with a minimum depth of 15 feet measured from the east facing wall of the #story# immediately below. Such setbacks shall be provided at the level of three different #stories#, or as many #stories# as are located entirely above a height of 75 feet, whichever is less. For towers with at least six #stories# located entirely above a height of 75 feet, the lowest level at which such setbacks may be provided is 100 feet, and the highest #story# shall be located entirely within the western half of the tower.

(c) Orientation of all towers

The maximum length of the outermost walls of any side of each #story# of a #building# facing the #shoreline# that is entirely above a height of 75 feet shall not exceed 80 feet. For the purposes of this Section, the #street line# of St. Marks Place shall be considered to be a line parallel to the #shoreline#, and any side of such rectangle facing St. Marks Place from which lines perpendicular to the #street line# of St. Marks Place may be drawn, regardless of intervening structures, properties or #streets#, shall not exceed 80 feet.

(d) Location of all towers

Any portion of a #building# that exceeds a height of 70 feet shall be no closer to a #side lot line# than eight feet, and any #story# of a #building# that is entirely above a height of 70 feet shall be located within 25 feet of a #street line# or sidewalk widening line, where applicable.

(e) Maximum tower height

The maximum height of any #building# utilizing the tower provisions of this Section shall be 200 feet. The height of the tower portion of the #building# shall be measured from the #base plane#.

(f) Tower and base integration

All portions of a #building# that exceed the applicable maximum base height set forth in Section 128-33 shall be set back at least 10 feet from the #street wall# of a #building# facing a #wide street# and at least 15 feet from the #street wall# of a #building# facing a #narrow street#. However, up to 50 percent of the #street wall# of the portion of the #building# located above a height of 75 feet need not be set back from the #street wall# of the #building#, and may rise without setback from grade, provided such portion of the #building# is set back at least 10 feet from a #wide street line# or sidewalk widening line,

where applicable, and at least 15 feet from a #narrow street line# or sidewalk widening line, where applicable.

(g) Tower exclusion areas

No #building or other structure# may exceed a height of 75 feet within the areas designated on Map 4 (Tower Restriction Areas) in the Appendix to this Chapter.