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127-23 - Special Height and Setback Regulations

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The height and setback provisions of Section 62-34 (Height and Setback Regulations on Waterfront Blocks) shall be modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

The height of all #buildings or other structures# shall be measured from the #base plane#, except where modified by specific provisions of this Section, inclusive, or by the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4.

Sidewalk widenings shall be provided along specified #street# frontages and at specified depths as set forth on Map 3 (Requirements Along Street Frontages) in the Appendix to this Chapter. Such sidewalk widening shall be improved to Department of Transportation standards for sidewalks, and be at the same level as the adjoining sidewalk.

127-231 - Permitted obstructions

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The permitted obstruction provisions of paragraph (c) of Section 62-34 (Height and Setback Regulations on Waterfront Blocks) shall be modified as follows:

(a) the applicable dormer provisions shall be modified pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of Section 127-233 (Base heights and setback regulations);

(b) the penthouse regulations of paragraph (c)(1) of Section 62-34 shall not apply; and

(c) the maximum height of any permitted obstructions shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 1 (Special Regulations Applying Around Major Airports), except where modified by certification of the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 127-236 (Certification to modify maximum height of building or other structure).

127-232 - Street wall location regulations

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Along #street# frontages where a sidewalk widening is required pursuant to Map 3 in the Appendix to this Chapter, the #street wall# location requirements of this Section shall apply from the interior boundary of such sidewalk widening.

(a) Along primary #street# frontages

The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (b) of Section 35-631 shall apply along primary #street# frontages, as shown on Map 3, except that the #street wall# shall rise to at least the minimum base height as specified in Section 127-233 (Base heights and setback regulations), or the height of the building, whichever is lower. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to the portion of a #building# adjacent to the major portion of a publicly accessible area, as specified in Section 127-43 (Publicly Accessible Area).

(b) Along secondary #street# frontages

Along #street# frontages that are not designated as primary #street# frontages, #street walls# may be located at any distance from the #street line#.

127-233 - Base heights and setback regulations

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(a) Along primary #street# frontages

Along primary #street# frontages, as shown on Map 3 (Requirements Along Street Frontages) in the Appendix to this Chapter, the following shall apply:

(1) The minimum base height shall be 25 feet, or two #stories#, whichever is lower, and the maximum base height shall be 105 feet along College Point Boulevard and 75 feet along all other primary #street# frontages.

(2) Along Type 1 primary #street# frontages, at a height not lower than the minimum base height nor higher than the maximum base height, a setback with a minimum depth of 10 feet, as measured from the #street wall#, shall be provided, except that:

(i) the depth of such required setback may be reduced in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 23-433 (Standard setback regulations). However, where a sidewalk widening is required pursuant to this Section, as indicated on Map 4 (Waterfront Access Plan: Parcel Designation), the minimum

depth of the required setback above the maximum base height may be reduced to five feet, as measured from the #street wall# ; and

(ii) the depth of such setbacks may include the depth of recesses or #outer courts# in the #street wall# of the #building# base, provided that the aggregate width of any such recessed portion of a #street wall# with a setback of less than seven feet, as applicable, does not exceed 40 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall# at any level.

(3) Along Type 2 primary #street# frontages, a #building# may rise without any setback above the maximum base height.

(b) Along secondary #street# frontages

Along secondary #street# frontages, as shown on Map 3, the following shall apply:

(1) Along the #shore public walkway#, the maximum base height shall be 75 feet, and any portion of a #building# that exceeds the maximum base height shall be set back at least 10 feet from the #street line#. Wherever a #supplemental public access area# is provided as a widened #shore public walkway#, such widened area shall be included in such setback distance.

(2) Along other secondary #street# frontages, the minimum base height shall be 25 feet, or two #stories#, whichever is lower, and the maximum base height shall be 75 feet. However, along secondary #street# frontages facing an #upland connection# with a width of less than 30 feet pursuant to the applicable provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 127-532 (Upland connections), the minimum base height shall be 15 feet. At a height not lower than the minimum base height nor higher than the maximum base

height, a setback with a minimum depth of 10 feet, as measured from the #street wall#, shall be provided, except that:

(i) the depth of such required setback may be reduced in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 23-433. However, where a sidewalk widening is required pursuant to this Section, as specified on Map 3, the portion of a #building# located above the maximum base height need not set back more than 10 feet from the #street line#, provided such #building# portion meets the requirements of paragraph (d) of Section 127-234 (Tower regulations), as applicable; and

(ii) the depth of such required setback may include the depth of recesses or #outer courts# in the #street wall# of the #building# base, provided that the aggregate width of any such recessed portion of a #street wall# with a setback of less than 10 feet, or the reduced setback distance pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this Section, as applicable, does not exceed 40 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall# at any level; and

(c) Additional allowances along all #street# frontages

(1) Within a required setback area, dormers provided in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b)(1) of Section 23-413, shall be considered permitted obstructions, provided that:

(i) the height of such dormers does not exceed 135 feet in Subdistrict A and 175 feet in Subdistrict B, as measured above the #base plane#; and

(ii) no dormers shall be permitted along #street walls# fronting on the #shore public walkway#.

(2) Notwithstanding the applicable setback regulations in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section, portions of #buildings or other structures# located:

(i) within 150 feet of a publicly accessible area, and either

(ii) adjacent to such publicly accessible area, or

(iii) along a #street# across from such publicly accessible area located on the same #zoning lot#,

may rise without a setback, provided that such publicly accessible area is in compliance with the provisions of Section 127-43 (Publicly Accessible Area). In addition, all #street walls# facing such publicly accessible area shall be subject to the articulation requirements of Section 127-235 (Supplemental articulation regulations).

127-234 - Tower regulations

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For the purposes of applying the provisions of this Section, a “tower” shall be any portion of a #building or other structure# that is located above the maximum base height. Such portion of a

#building or other structure# shall be subject to the following requirements:

(a) Maximum tower widths

Along the #shore public walkway#, the maximum width of a tower, or portion thereof, that is located within 110 feet of the pierhead line and facing the #shore public walkway#, shall not exceed 100 feet. Such width shall be determined by drawing perpendicular lines in plan view from the pierhead line to the outermost extents of the #street wall# of such tower, or portion thereof, within 110 feet of the pierhead line, exclusive of any permitted projections and dormers. However, in Subdistrict A, where the depth of a #zoning lot#, or portion thereof, is less than 220 feet, the maximum width of a tower within such shallow lot portion, shall not exceed 130 feet, provided that such depth was in existence both on December 10, 2020, and on the date of application for a building permit.

Along all other #streets#, the #aggregate width of street wall# in a tower shall not exceed 250 feet.

(b) Tower top regulations

For all #zoning lots# in Subdistrict A, and for each portion of a #zoning lot# in Subdistrict B, bounded entirely by #streets#, as such term is defined in Section 127-20, the following requirements shall apply:

(1) Where two or more towers are provided and any portion of such towers exceeds 175 feet, a height difference of at least 20 feet, or two #stories#, whichever is less, shall be provided between such towers.

(2) Where any portion of a tower exceeds 175 feet, the highest two #stories# shall not exceed 90 percent of the gross area of the #story# located directly below such #stories#.

(c) Maximum tower height

The maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 1 (Special Regulations Applying Around Major Airports), except where modified by certification of the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 127-236 (Certification to modify maximum height of building or other structure).

(d) Additional requirements within Subdistrict B

Along Janet Place, where a sidewalk widening is required pursuant to Map 3, the width of each individual tower portion located within 50 feet of the #street line# of Janet Place shall not exceed 70 feet, exclusive of any permitted projections and dormers. Such width shall be determined by drawing perpendicular lines in plan view from the #street line# to the outermost extents of the #street wall# of such tower, or portion thereof, within 50 feet of the #street line#, exclusive of any permitted projections and dormers. Such tower portion and any other such tower portion within the same or an #abutting# #building# shall be separated by at least 40 feet.

127-235 - Supplemental articulation requirements

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In addition to all other provisions of Section 127-23 (Special Height and Setback Regulations), inclusive, for #street wall# widths exceeding 150 feet, as measured parallel to the #street line#, articulation shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

The depth of required recesses or projections of a #building# shall be measured from the #street wall#. For the purpose of applying the provisions of this Section, the base height of such #building# shall be either the maximum base height or the height of such #building# where a required setback pursuant to the provisions of Section 127-233 (Base heights and setback regulations) is provided, whichever is lower. However, if such #building# provides multiple setbacks, the highest of such multiple setbacks shall be considered the base height of such #building#.

The portion of a tower #street wall# subject to the tower top regulations of paragraph (b) of Section 127-234 (Tower regulations) shall not be included for the purposes of determining or satisfying the articulation requirements of this Section. In addition, setbacks provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 127-233 shall not constitute recesses.

(a) Along all #streets# other than #shore public walkways#

For #street walls# fronting #streets# other than the #shore public walkway#, a minimum of 15 percent of the entire surface area of each #street wall# shall either recess or project a minimum of two feet from the #street wall# with no individual recess or projection exceeding 50 percent of such surface area of the #street wall#.

Along each #street wall# frontage, at least one-third of such overall 15 percent requirement shall be provided in the form of articulation below the base height of such #building#, and at least one-third shall be provided above the base height, respectively. The remaining one-third of such 15 percent requirement may be located anywhere on the #street wall#. Where a #street wall# frontage does not exceed the maximum base height, the overall 15 percent requirement shall be provided in the #building# base.

Within the articulation provided in the #building# base, the aggregate width of articulation at each level where provided shall achieve a #street wall# width that is equivalent to at least 10 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall# at that level, and no individual recess or

projection shall have a #street wall# width of less than 10 feet.

In no event shall the total amount of projections above the base height exceed the thresholds permitted pursuant paragraph (c)(1) of Section 127-233.

(b) Along the #shore public walkway#

For #street walls# fronting the #shore public walkway#, at least five percent of the entire surface area of the #street wall# below the base height shall either recess or project a minimum of two feet from the #street wall# with no individual recess or projection exceeding 50 percent of such surface area of the #street wall#.

Within the articulation provided in the #building# base, the aggregate width of articulation at each level where provided shall achieve a #street wall# width that is equivalent to at least 10 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall# at that level, and no individual recess or projection shall have a #street wall# width of less than 10 feet.

127-236 - Certification to modify maximum height of building or other structure

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The special permit provisions of Section 73-66 (Height Regulations Around Airports) shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the height restrictions of Sections 61-21 (Restriction on Highest Projection of Building or Structure) or 61-22 (Permitted Projection within any Flight Obstruction Area), may be modified where the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission has certified to the Department of Buildings that the provisions of this Section have been met. An application for such certification shall include:

(a) a site plan and elevations, showing the proposed #building or other structure# in relation to the underlying maximum height limits;

(b) separate verification letters from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey that such #building or other structure#, including the location of temporary structures such as construction cranes, will not constitute a danger to the safety of air passengers or disrupt established airways or runway operations, respectively; and

(c) materials sufficient to demonstrate that the modified height of a #building or other structure# does not exceed 200 feet above mean sea level within Subdistrict A, and 245 feet above mean sea level within Subdistrict B.