



## **Zoning Resolution**

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
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**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
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# **139-20 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS**

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## 139-20 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS

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In Subdistricts A, B, C and D, the #bulk# regulations of the applicable underlying districts shall be modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive. In Subdistrict E, the underlying regulations shall apply.

In Subdistrict A, the provisions of Section [34-112](#) (Residential bulk regulations in other C1 or C2 Districts or in C3, C4, C5 or C6 Districts) shall be modified so that, in C4-4D Districts, the applicable #residential equivalent# shall be an R9A District, as modified by the provisions of this Chapter.

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## 139-21 - Floor Area Regulations

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Basic #floor area# regulations are established in Section 139-211. Such regulations may be modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

The basic maximum #floor area ratios# may be increased for certain #zoning lots# pursuant to Sections [139-212](#) (Gowanus mix) and [139-213](#) (Special floor area provisions for transit improvements).

Special regulations for #community facility floor area# on #zoning lots# containing #schools# are set forth in Section [139-214](#) (Special floor area provisions for zoning lots containing schools).

Special regulations for certain #zoning lots# are set forth in Section [139-215](#) (Special floor area provisions for zoning lots containing comfort stations) and [139-216](#) (Special floor area provisions for street improvements).

For the purposes of applying the provisions of Section [64-322](#) (Special floor area modifications for flood-resistant buildings), #primary frontages# shall be the locations designated on Map 3 in the Appendix to this Chapter.

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## 139-211 - Basic floor area regulations

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The maximum #floor area# regulations for each district in the #Special Gowanus Mixed Use District# shall be as set forth in the table in this Section.

Row A establishes the maximum #residential# #floor area ratio# for #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing#.

Row B establishes a maximum #floor area ratio# for #community facility uses#, other than #select community facility uses#.

Row C sets forth the maximum #floor area ratio# for #select community facility uses# only. In addition, special regulations for #schools# are set forth in Section 139-214.

Row D establishes a maximum #floor area ratio# for #Gowanus retail and entertainment uses# only.

Row E establishes a maximum #floor area ratio# for all #commercial uses#, inclusive of #Gowanus retail and entertainment uses#.

Row F sets forth the maximum #floor area ratio# for #manufacturing# uses.

MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO

		C4-4D	M1-4		M1-4 / R6B	M1-4 / R6A	M1-4 / R7A	M1-4 / R7-2	M1-4 / R7X
			Subarea B1	Subarea B2					
A	Maximum #FAR# for #residential uses# for #MIH Sites#	8.5	-	-	2.2	3.6	4.6	4.4	5.4
B	Maximum #FAR# for #community facility uses#	6.5	3.6	2.7	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
C	Maximum #FAR# for #select community facility uses#	6.5	4.8	4.8	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
D	Maximum #FAR# for #Gowanus retail and entertainment uses#	3.4	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
E	Maximum #FAR# for #commercial uses#	3.4	3.6 <sup>1</sup>	2.7 <sup>2</sup>	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0

F	Maximum #FAR# for #manufacturing uses#	-	3.6 <sup>1</sup>	2.7 <sup>2</sup>	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0
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<sup>1</sup> In #Manufacturing Districts# within Subarea B1, #commercial# and #manufacturing uses# which are also #Gowanus mix uses# shall have a maximum #floor area ratio# of 4.0.

<sup>2</sup> In #Manufacturing Districts# within Subarea B2, #commercial# and #manufacturing uses# which are also #Gowanus mix uses# shall have a maximum #floor area ratio# of 3.0.

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### 139-212 - Gowanus mix

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In M1 Districts paired with R7-2 or R7X Districts, the provisions of this Section may be utilized to increase the maximum #floor area ratio# set forth Section [139-211](#) (Basic floor area regulations).

(a) Inclusion of #Gowanus mix uses#

For #zoning lots# with #buildings# containing both #residential# #uses# and #Gowanus mix uses#, the maximum #floor area ratio# may be increased by the amount of #Gowanus mix uses# provided on the #zoning lot#, up to a #floor area ratio# of 0.3.

(b) Inclusion of both #Gowanus mix uses# and non-#residential# #uses#

For #zoning lots# utilizing the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, the maximum #floor area ratio# may be further increased by the amount of non-#residential# #uses# provided on the #zoning lot#, up to a #floor area ratio# of 0.3.

(c) Compliance and recordation

A Notice of Restrictions, the form and content of which shall be satisfactory to the City Planning Commission, for a property subject to inclusion of #Gowanus mix uses# pursuant to this Section, shall be recorded against the subject tax lot in the Office of the City Register.

The filing and recordation of such Notice of Restrictions shall be a precondition to the issuance of any building permit utilizing the provisions set forth in this Section. The recording information shall be referenced on the first certificate of occupancy to be issued after such notice is recorded, as well as all subsequent certificates of occupancy, for as long as the restrictions remain in effect.

(d) Annual reporting for #Gowanus mix uses#

No later than June 30 of each year, beginning in the first calendar year following the calendar year in which the first temporary or final certificate of occupancy was issued for a #building# utilizing the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, the #building# owner shall submit annually to the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission, Speaker of the City Council, and Brooklyn Community Board 6, a report on the existing conditions of #floor area# designated for #Gowanus mix uses# and include the information specified below:

- (1) the date of the most recent update of this information;
- (2) total #floor area# of the #Gowanus mix uses# in the #development#, pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section;
- (3) the name of each establishment occupying #floor area# reserved for #Gowanus mix uses#. Such establishment name shall include that name by which the establishment does business and is known to the public. For each establishment, the amount of #floor area#, the Use Group, subgroup and specific #use# as listed in this Resolution shall also be included;

- (4) contact information, including the name of the owner of the #building# and the building management entity, if different, the name of the person designated to manage the #building#, and the street address, current telephone number and e-mail address of the management office. Such names shall include the names by which the owner and manager, if different, do business and are known to the public; and
- (5) all prior periodic notification information required pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.

The report shall be submitted by any method, including e-mail or other electronic means, acceptable to the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission.

#Floor area# provided to satisfy the requirements of Section [139-41](#) (Streetscape Regulations) may not be utilized to satisfy the requirements of this Section.

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## **139-213 - Special floor area provisions for transit improvements**

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In #Commercial Districts#, the #floor area ratios# set forth in Section [139-211](#) (Basic floor area regulations) may be increased by up to 20 percent, pursuant to the provisions of Section [139-46](#) (Certification for Transit Improvements). Where the #residential# #floor area ratio# is increased, such additional #floor area# shall be exempt from the requirements of Section [27-131](#) (Mandatory Inclusionary Housing).

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## **139-214 - Special floor area provisions for zoning lots containing schools**

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(a) As-of-right provisions

The provisions of this paragraph (a) shall apply to #zoning lots# with a #lot area# greater than 30,000 square feet, and which contain #schools# constructed in whole or in part pursuant to an agreement with the New York City School Construction Authority and subject to the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Education.

On such #zoning lots#, up to 60,000 square feet of floor space within such #school# or, in Subarea D4 up to 100,000 square feet of floor space within such #school#, shall be exempt from the definition of #floor area#.

(b) Special permit provisions

In #Manufacturing Districts# within Subareas B1 or B2, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit the allowable #community facility# #floor area ratio# for #schools# to be increased to 4.8, provided that the Board finds that the distribution of #bulk# on the #zoning lot# will not unduly obstruct the access to light and air in and to adjoining properties or public #streets#, and will result in satisfactory site planning and satisfactory urban design relationships of #buildings# to adjacent #streets# and the surrounding area. The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

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**139-215 - Special floor area provisions for zoning lots containing comfort stations**

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For #zoning lots# containing a comfort station provided in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c)(2) of Section [139-51](#) (Area-wide Modifications), an area equal to 200 percent of the floor space within such comfort station may be exempted from the definition of #floor area#.

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## 139-216 - Special floor area provisions for street improvements

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In Subareas D4, D5, and D6, for #zoning lots# containing mapped #streets#, where such mapped #streets# will be improved and opened to the public, the provisions of this Section may apply.

(a) Street area

The #lot area# of a #zoning lot# adjacent to newly improved #street# may be considered to be increased by an amount equal to the area contained within the bed of such #street#, as measured from the centerline of such #street# to the #street line# adjoining the #zoning lot#.

(b) Transfer of #floor area#

#Residential floor area# may be transferred from a granting site to a receiving site located directly across the newly improved #street#, and may exceed the maximum #floor area ratio# permitted on the receiving site, provided that:

- (1) the owners of the granting site and the receiving site shall jointly notify the Department of City Planning, in writing, of their intent to transfer #residential# #floor area#. Such notification shall include a site plan showing the conditions and #floor area# calculations for the granting site and the receiving site, before and after the transfer;

- (2) no building permit shall be issued by the Department of Buildings for a #building# on a receiving site containing any such transferred #residential# #floor area# until the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission has certified to the Department of Buildings that plans submitted to the Department of City Planning comply with the requirements of this Section; and
- (3) no certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Department of Buildings for any portion of a #building# utilizing the transferred #residential# #floor area# until the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission certifies to the Department of Buildings that such #building# has been constructed in accordance with the plan certified by the Chairperson pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of this Section.

Notices of restrictions shall be filed by the owners of the granting site and the receiving site in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, indexed against the granting site and the receiving site(s), certified copies of which shall be submitted to the Department of City Planning. Notice by the Department of City Planning of its receipt of certified copies thereof shall be a condition to issuance of a building permit for a #building# on the receiving site containing any such transferred #residential# #floor area#.

The transfer of #residential# #floor area#, once completed, shall irrevocably reduce the maximum #residential# #floor area# permitted on the granting site. Any #building# on a receiving site that uses the #residential# #floor area# so transferred shall comply with all other applicable #bulk# regulations of this Chapter.

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## 139-22 - Special Yard Regulations

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The underlying #yard# and #rear yard equivalent# regulations shall apply, as modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

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## 139-221 - Permitted obstructions in required yards

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In all #Commercial#, #Manufacturing#, and #Mixed Use Districts#, the permitted obstruction provisions of paragraph (b)(2) of Section [33-23](#) and paragraph (b)(1) of Section [43-23](#) shall be modified such that, in any #rear yard#, any #building# or portion of a #building# used for any permitted non-#residential use# (except any #building# portion containing rooms used for living or sleeping purposes) shall be a permitted obstruction, provided that the height of such #building#, or portion thereof, shall not exceed two #stories#, excluding #basements#, nor in any event 30 feet above #curb level#. Any allowance for other permitted obstructions above a #building# in a #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# set forth in Section [33-23](#) or [44-23](#), as applicable, shall be permitted above such modified height limitations.

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## 139-222 - Rear yards and rear yard equivalents

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In all #Manufacturing Districts#, the provisions of [43-26](#) (Minimum Required Rear Yards) and [43-261](#) (Beyond one hundred feet of a street line) shall not apply. In lieu thereof, a #rear yard# shall be

provided at the minimum depth set forth in the table below for the applicable height above the #base plane#, at every #rear lot line# on any #zoning lot#.

#### REQUIRED DEPTH OF REAR YARD

Height above #base plane#	Required depth
Below 65 feet	10
Above 65 feet and below 125 feet	15
Above 125 feet	20

In addition, in all #Manufacturing# and #Mixed Use Districts#, the provisions of Section [43-28](#) (Special Provisions for Through Lots) shall be modified such that no #rear yard equivalent# shall be required on any #through lot# or #through lot# portion of a #zoning lot#.

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#### 139-223 - Required yards along district boundaries

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In #Manufacturing# and #Mixed Use Districts#, the provisions of Section [43-304](#) (Required front yards along district boundary located in a street) shall not apply.

In #Commercial#, #Manufacturing#, and #Mixed Use Districts#, the underlying yard requirements applying along district boundaries of Sections [33-292](#) (Required yards along district boundary

coincident with rear lot lines of two adjoining zoning lots), [33-293](#) (Required yards along district boundary coincident with side lot line of zoning lot in a Commercial District), [43-302](#) (Required yards along district boundary coincident with rear lot lines of two adjoining zoning lots) and [43-303](#) (Required yards along district boundary coincident with side lot line of zoning lot in a Manufacturing District), shall be superseded by the provisions of this Section as follows:

- (a) When #side# or #rear lot lines# coincide with a #side lot line# of a #zoning lot# in an adjoining #Residence District#, an open area not higher than #curb level#, and at least eight feet in depth, shall be provided; and
- (b) Where #side# or #rear lot lines# coincide with the #rear lot line# of a #zoning lot# in an adjoining #Residence District#, an open area not higher than 30 feet above #base plane# and at least 20 feet in depth, shall be provided.

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## 139-224 - Waterfront yards

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The provisions of Section [62-33](#) (Special Yard and Lot Coverage Regulations on Waterfront Blocks) shall be modified such that a #waterfront yard# shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Section [62-332](#) (Rear yards and waterfront yards) on all #waterfront zoning lots#, as that term is defined in Section [62-11](#), regardless of #use#.

The depth of the #waterfront yard# shall be measured from the #zoning lot line# adjoining the Gowanus Canal, or where the provisions of paragraph (f) of Section [139-51](#) (Area-wide Modifications) are utilized, from the bulkhead. The depth of the #waterfront yard# may be reduced as set forth in Section [62-332](#).

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## 139-23 - Special Height and Setback Regulations

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The height and setback regulations of the applicable underlying districts are modified as follows:

- (a) In #Commercial Districts#, the height and setback regulations of Section [35-60](#) (MODIFICATION OF HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS) shall apply to all #buildings#, as modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.
- (b) In #Mixed Use Districts#, the height and setback regulations of Section [123-60](#) (SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS) shall apply, as modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.
- (c) In #Manufacturing Districts#, the underlying height and setback regulations of Sections [43-43](#) (Maximum Height of Front Wall and Required Front Setbacks), [43-44](#) (Alternate Front Setbacks), and [43-45](#) (Tower Regulations) shall not apply. In lieu thereof, minimum and maximum base heights and maximum heights for #buildings or other structures# shall be as set forth in this Section, inclusive. The other underlying regulations of Article IV, Chapter 3 (Bulk Regulations) shall apply, as modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.
- (d) The special #bulk# regulations applicable in the #waterfront area# of Section [62-30](#) (SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS) shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the height and setback regulations of this Section, inclusive, shall control.

The height of all #buildings or other structures# shall be measured from the #base plane#.

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## 139-231 - General provisions

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For the purposes of applying the applicable #bulk# regulations, the boundaries of #waterfront public access areas#, as well as #lot lines# abutting #public parks#, shall be considered #narrow# #street lines#.

Where a continuous sidewalk widening is provided along the entire frontage of a #zoning lot#, the interior boundary of such widening shall be considered a #street line# for the purpose of applying the height and setback regulations of this Chapter, except that where a sidewalk widening is provided pursuant to Section [139-43](#) (Sidewalk Widening Requirements), any setback required by this Section may be reduced by one foot for each foot by which the sidewalk is widened, provided that no setback shall be less than seven feet in depth.

Where a provision of this Chapter allows a modification to the maximum #building# height, and multiple modifications apply to a #building#, such modifications shall be applied cumulatively.

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## 139-232 - Permitted obstructions

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In all districts, the underlying permitted obstruction regulations shall be modified by this Section.

(a) Balconies

Balconies provided in accordance with the provisions of Section [23-62](#) may encroach into any required open area on the #zoning lot#. However, balconies that encroach into #waterfront public access areas# shall be regulated by the provisions of paragraph (a)(1) Section [139-51](#) (Area-wide Modifications).

(b) Dormers

For any #building or structure#, a dormer shall be allowed as a permitted obstruction pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of Section [23-413](#) (Permitted obstruction in certain districts), except that dormers shall not be permitted in setback areas adjoining tower portions of #buildings# or setback areas facing #shore public walkways#.

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## 139-233 - Special height and setback regulations in Subdistrict A

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LAST AMENDED

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In Subdistrict A, the underlying district regulations shall be modified by the provisions of this Section.

(a) Street wall location

The #street wall# location requirements of paragraph (a) of Section [35-631](#) (Street wall location) shall apply to #street# frontages along #wide streets#, and the #street wall# location requirements of paragraph (b) of Section [35-631](#) shall apply along #narrow street# frontages.

(b) Base heights and setback requirements

For all #buildings or other structures#, the height and setback provisions of Section [35-632](#) (Maximum height of buildings and setback regulations) shall apply.

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## 139-234 - Special height and setback regulations in Subdistrict B

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In Subdistrict B, the underlying district regulations shall be modified by the provisions of this Section.

(a) Street wall location

In #Manufacturing Districts#, 30 percent of the #street wall# shall be located within eight feet of the #street line# and shall extend to at least the minimum base height specified in paragraph (b) of this Section, or the height of the #building#, whichever is lower.

In #Mixed Use Districts#, the #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) of Section [123-651](#) shall apply, except that the #street wall# shall extend to at least the minimum base height specified in paragraph (b) of this Section.

(b) Minimum and maximum base heights

In all districts, #street walls# shall rise without setback to a minimum base height set forth in this paragraph (b) or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and may rise to a maximum base height as set forth in this paragraph (b). In #Manufacturing Districts#, minimum and maximum base heights and maximum heights of #buildings or other structures# shall be as set forth in Table 1 below. In #Mixed Use Districts#, such regulations shall be as set forth in Table 2.

Table 1

MINIMUM BASE HEIGHT, MAXIMUM BASE HEIGHT, AND MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT –  
FOR M1-4 DISTRICTS (in feet)

	Minimum base height	Maximum base height	Maximum #building# height
in Subarea B1	15	95	115
in Subarea B2	15	65	85

Table 2

MINIMUM BASE HEIGHT, MAXIMUM BASE HEIGHT, AND MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT –  
FOR MIXED USE DISTRICTS (in feet)

	Minimum base height	Maximum base height	Maximum #building# height
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M1-4/R6B	30	45	55
M1-4/R6A	40	65	85
M1-4/R7A	40	75	95
M1-4/R7X	60	105	145

For #zoning lots# with a #lot area# greater than or equal to 20,000 square feet, and located in a #Manufacturing District#, a #building# containing non-#residential uses# may exceed the maximum #building# heights established in Table 1 by 30 feet.

For #zoning lots# adjoining the portion of Degraw Street located between Nevins Street and Third Avenue, the heights listed in Table 2 are modified so that within 100 feet of Degraw Street, the maximum base height is 95 feet, and the maximum #building# height is 125 feet.

(c) Setback requirements

At a height not lower than the minimum base height or higher than the maximum base height, a setback shall be provided which complies with the requirements of Section [23-433](#) (Standard setback regulations).

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**139-235 - Special height and setback regulations in Subdistrict C**

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(a) Street wall location

The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) of Section [123-651](#) shall apply, except that the #street wall# shall extend to at least the minimum base height specified in paragraph (b) of this Section. However, no #street wall# location requirement shall apply to the #street walls# facing a #shore public walkway#.

(b) Minimum and maximum base heights

Except as otherwise specified in this paragraph (b), #street walls# shall rise without setback to a minimum base height of 40 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and may rise to a maximum base height as set forth in this paragraph (b). However, no minimum base height shall be required for #street walls# facing a #shore public walkway#.

- (1) Along Bond Street, the minimum base height shall be 30 feet, and the maximum base height shall be 55 feet. No portion of a #building# located within 65 feet of Bond Street may rise above a height of 65 feet.
- (2) Along Union Street, between Nevins Street and the Gowanus Canal, the maximum base height shall be 85 feet.
- (3) Along Degraw Street, between Nevins Street and the Gowanus Canal, the maximum base height shall be 85 feet.
- (4) Along all other #streets#, as well as along the Gowanus Canal, the maximum base height shall be 65 feet.

(c) Setback requirements

At a height not lower than the minimum base height or higher than the maximum base height, a setback with a minimum depth of 15 feet shall be provided. Such setback shall also comply with the requirements of Section [23-433](#) (Standard setback regulations).

(d) Tower regulations

Where #waterfront public access areas# are considered #streets#, such #streets# shall be considered the boundaries of #blocks# for the purposes of this paragraph.

(1) Tower location

Any portion of a #building# located above a height of 85 feet shall be considered a “tower”. No portion of a tower may be located:

- (i) within 30 feet of the #street line# of Nevins Street;
- (ii) within 65 feet of Bond Street;
- (iii) for #buildings# with only one tower portion, south of the centerline of the #block#; or
- (iv) within 30 feet of a #waterfront yard#.

However, for #zoning lots# located south of Carroll Street, any tower may be located south of the centerline of the #block#, and within 30 feet of the #waterfront yard# adjoining the First Street Basin, provided such tower portion is located at least 10 feet from the #waterfront yard# adjoining the First Street Basin.

(2) Tower width

The #street wall# of any tower facing a #shore public walkway# shall not exceed 100 feet in width. Where multiple towers are provided, the combined #street wall# width of all

such towers shall not exceed 130 feet.

However, for #zoning lots# located south of Carroll Street, the combined #street wall# width of all towers located west of the required #visual corridor# shall not exceed 150 feet.

(3) Tower coverage

Above a height of 175 feet, any tower shall set back such that it occupies a #lot coverage# no greater than 80 percent of the #story# located immediately below.

(4) Tower height

The maximum height of a tower shall be 225 feet.

(5) Regulations for multiple towers

For #buildings# with two tower portions, there shall be a difference in height between such towers of at least 50 feet. The taller of the two towers shall be located north of the centerline of the #block#, except that:

- (i) for #zoning lots# located south of Carroll Street, the taller of the two towers shall be located west of the required #visual corridor#. The shorter of the two towers shall be located east of the required #visual corridor#, and no less than 65 feet from Carroll Street; and
- (ii) for the #zoning lot# adjoining the intersection of Degraw Street and Nevins Street, for any #building# located north of Sackett Street, the shorter of the two towers shall be located north of the centerline of the #block#, and shall not

exceed a height of 125 feet.

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## 139-236 - Special height and setback regulations in Subdistrict D

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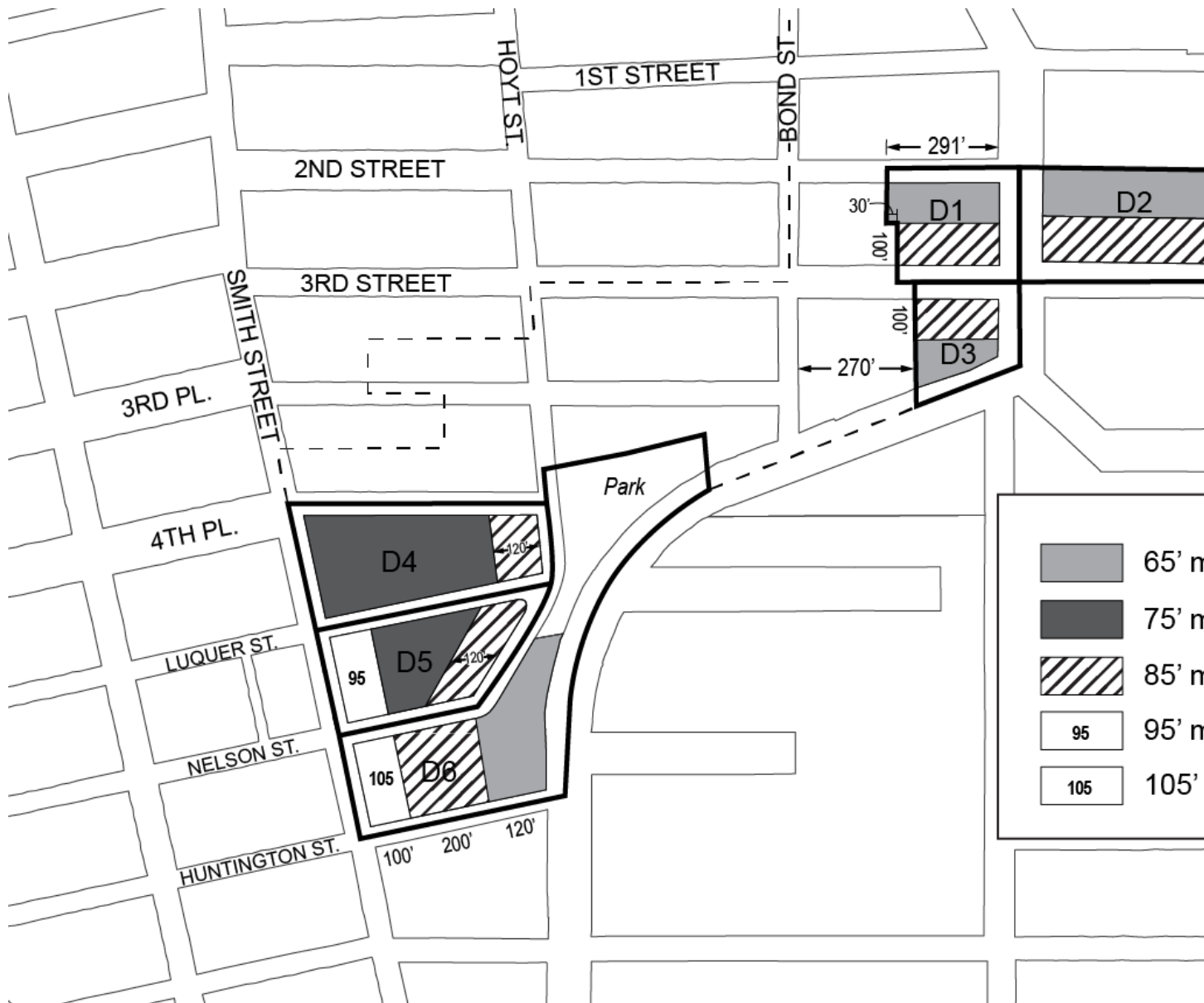
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(a) Street wall location

The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) of Section [123-651](#) shall apply, except that the #street wall# shall extend to at least the minimum base height specified in paragraph (b) of this Section. However, no #street wall# location requirement shall apply to the #street walls# facing a #shore public walkway#.

(b) Minimum and maximum base heights

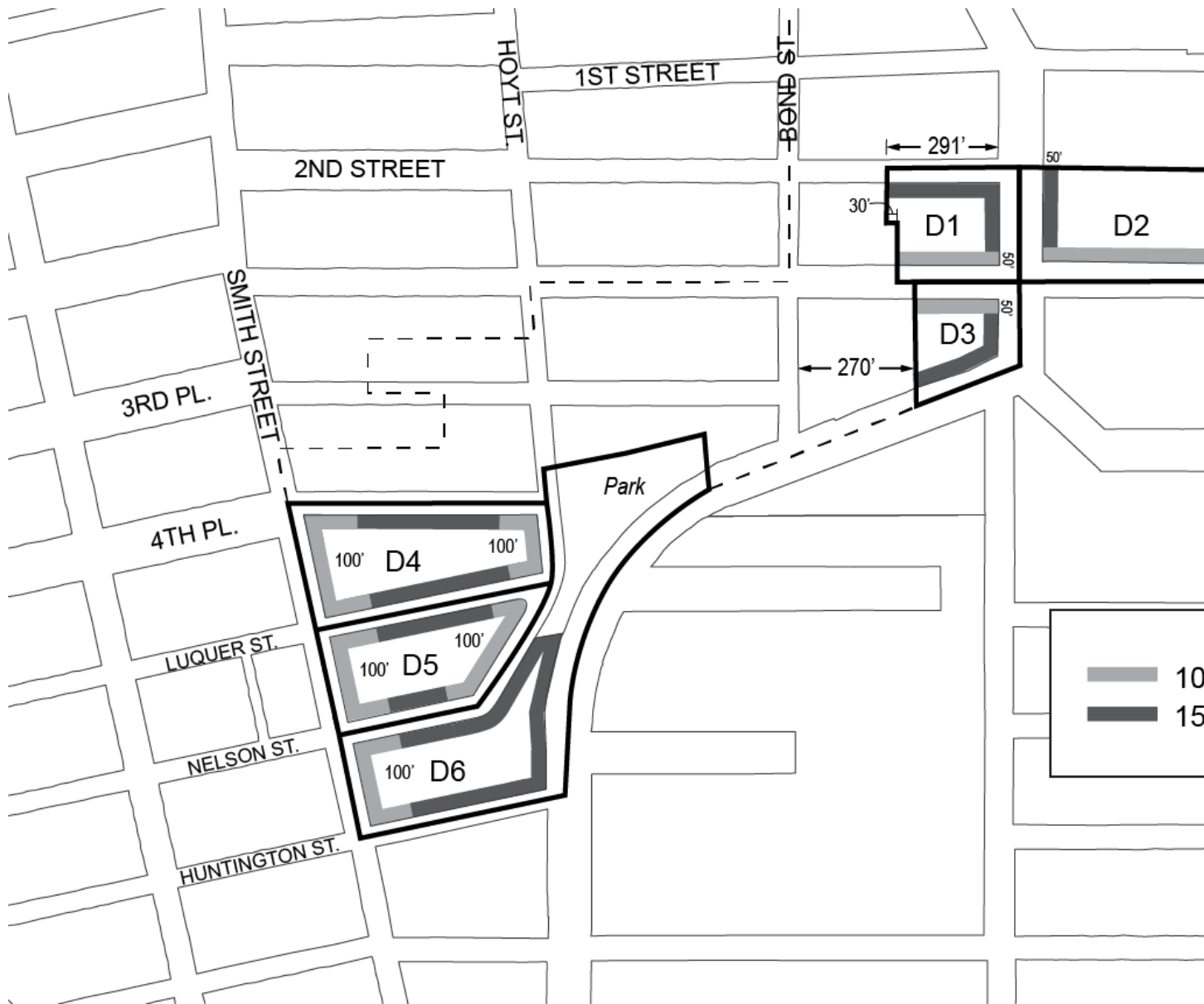
For #zoning lots# in Subareas D1 through D6, #street walls# shall rise without setback to a minimum base height of 40 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and may rise to a maximum base height as set forth in the map in this paragraph (b). However, this requirement shall not apply to the #aggregate width of street walls# facing a #shore public walkway#.



(c) Setback requirements

At a height not lower than the minimum base height or higher than the maximum base height, setbacks shall be provided with a minimum depth as set forth in the map in this paragraph (c).

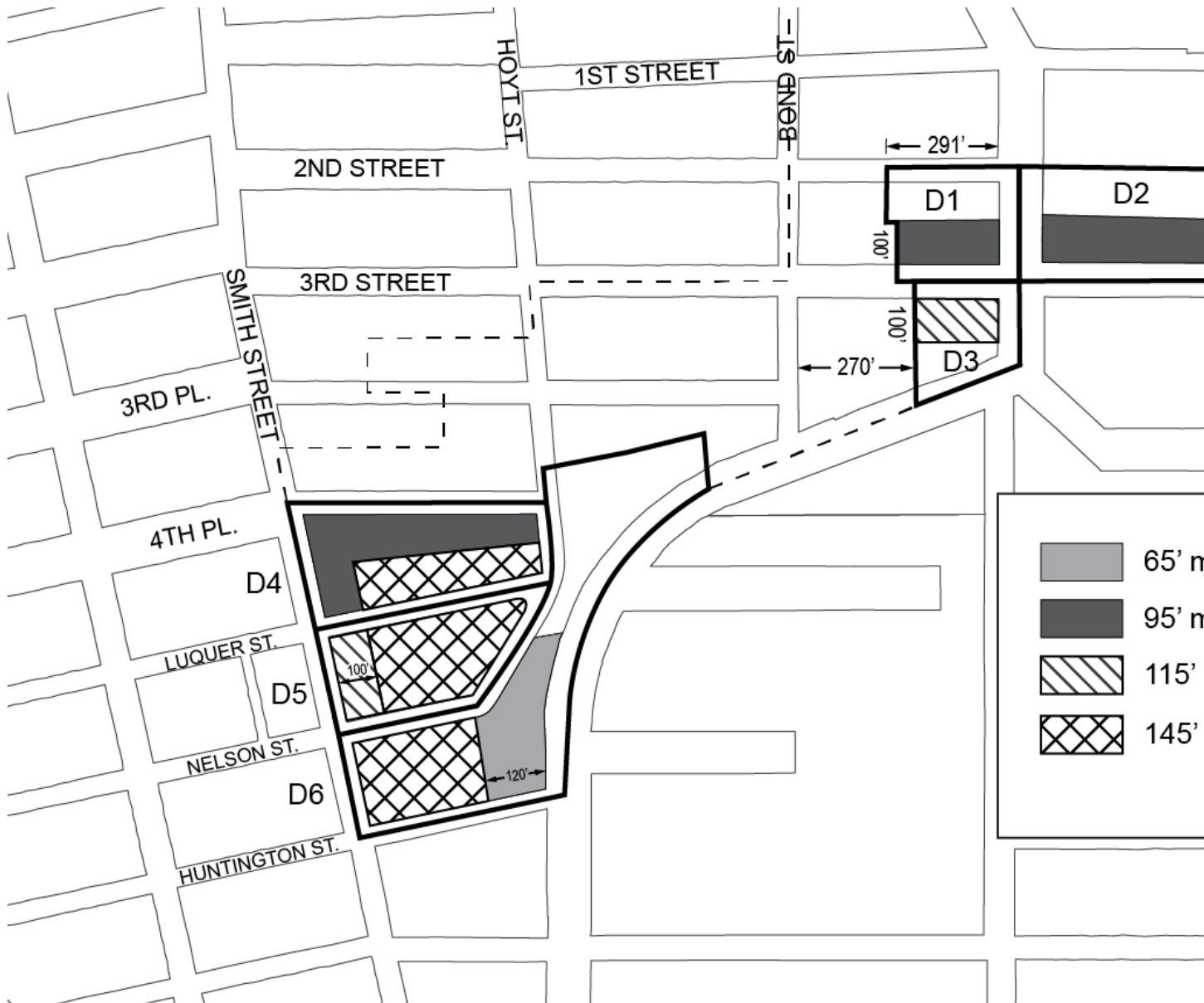
Such setbacks shall also comply with the provisions of Section [23-433](#) (Standard setback regulations).



(d) Transition heights

Any portion of a #building# located above the setback required by paragraph (c) of this Section shall be permitted to rise to a maximum “transition height” as set forth in this paragraph (d).

Any portion of a #building# located above the maximum transition height shall be considered a “tower” and shall comply with the provisions of paragraph (e) of this Section. Except as otherwise set forth in the map in this paragraph (d), such maximum transition height shall be 85 feet.



(e) Tower regulations

(1) Tower location

Any portion of a #building# located above the maximum transition height set forth in paragraph (d) shall be considered a “tower”. No portion of a tower may be located:

- (i) in Subarea D4, within 150 feet of Smith Street or within 150 feet of Hoyt Street;
- (ii) in Subarea D5, within 80 feet of Smith Street or within 200 feet of Smith Street north of the mid-#block# line; or
- (iii) within 30 feet of a #waterfront yard#.

(2) Tower width

The #street wall# of any tower facing a #shore public walkway# shall not exceed 100 feet in width. Where multiple towers are provided, the combined #street wall# width of all such towers shall not exceed 130 feet.

However, in Subarea D4, where multiple towers are provided, the combined #street wall# width of all such towers shall not exceed 170 feet.

(3) Tower coverage

In Subareas D1, D2, and D3, above a height of 175 feet, any tower shall set back such that it occupies a #lot coverage# no greater than 80 percent of the #story# located immediately below.

In Subareas D5 and D6, the portion of any tower containing the top four #stories# of such tower shall set back such that it occupies a # lot coverage# no greater than 80 percent of the #story# located immediately below.

(4) Tower height

Except as otherwise specified in this paragraph (e)(4), the maximum height of a tower shall be 225 feet.

- (i) In Subarea D4, towers shall be permitted to rise to a height of 285 feet.
- (ii) In Subarea D5, towers shall be permitted to rise to a height of 245 feet.
- (iii) In Subarea D6, towers shall be permitted to rise to a height of 305 feet.

(5) Regulations for multiple towers

- (i) In Subareas D1 and D2, no more than two towers shall be permitted on a #zoning lot#.
- (ii) In Subareas D4 and D5, no more than two towers shall be permitted in each subarea.
- (iii) In Subareas D3 and D6, no more than one tower shall be permitted in the subarea.
- (iv) Wherever two towers are provided on the same #zoning lot#, there shall be a difference in height between such towers of at least 50 feet.

In addition, in Subarea D1, the taller of the two towers shall be located within

100 feet of Third Street.

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## 139-237 - Special street wall articulation requirements

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In all subdistricts, for #street walls# with widths exceeding 200 feet, a minimum of 20 percent and no more than 50 percent of the surface area of such #street walls# above the level of the second #story#, or a height of 30 feet, whichever is lower, shall either recess or project a minimum of three feet from the remaining surface of the #street wall#. In addition to dormers permitted pursuant to Section [139-232](#) (Permitted obstructions), any other projection shall be considered a permitted obstruction into a required setback, provided that the depth of such projection shall not exceed three feet.

In addition, in Subdistrict D, the underlying dormer provisions of paragraph (b)(1) of Section [23-413](#) shall be modified for portions of #buildings# facing Third Street, so that above the maximum base height, dormers shall be permitted only within 75 feet of the intersection of two #streets#.

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## 139-238 - Special height regulations for zoning lots containing schools

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In Subdistrict C, and in Subareas D1, D2, and D3, for #zoning lots# containing #schools# regulated by Section [139-214](#) (Special floor area provisions for zoning lots containing schools), the maximum tower height specified by the regulations in this Section, inclusive, may be increased as-of-right by 40 feet. This allowance may be further modified by the provisions of Section [139-47](#) (Authorization for sites containing schools).