Zoning Resolution

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Chapter 8 - Special St. George District (SG)

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128-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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The "Special St. George District" established in this Resolution is designed to promote and protect public health, safety and general welfare. These general goals include among others, the following specific purposes:

(a) to build upon St. George's existing strengths as a civic center, neighborhood and transit hub by providing rules that will bolster a thriving, pedestrian-friendly business and residence district;

(b) to establish zoning regulations that facilitate continuous ground floor retail and the critical mass needed to attract and sustain a broader mix of uses;

(c) to require a tall, slender building form that capitalizes on St. George's hillside topography and maintains waterfront vistas;

(d) to encourage the reuse and reinvestment of vacant office buildings;

(e) to accommodate an appropriate level of off-street parking while reducing its visual impact;

(f) to enhance neighborhood economic diversity by broadening the range of housing choices for residents at varied incomes; and

(g) to promote the most desirable use of land and building development in accordance with the District Plan for St. George and thus conserve the value of land and buildings and thereby

protect the City's tax revenues.

128-01 - Definitions

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6/6/2024

For purposes of this Chapter, matter in italics is defined in Sections 12-10 (DEFINITIONS) or 32-301 (Definitions).

128-02 - General Provisions

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10/7/2021

In harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Resolution and the general purposes of the #Special St. George District#, the regulations of this Chapter shall apply within the #Special St. George District#. The regulations of all other Chapters of this Resolution are applicable, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by the provisions of this Chapter. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and other regulations of this Resolution, the provisions of this Chapter shall control. However, in #flood zones#, or for #transit-adjacent 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.

However, the regulations of this Chapter shall not apply to any property that is the subject of a site selection for a court house and #public parking garage# pursuant to application C080379 PSR. Such property shall be governed by the underlying regulations of this Resolution.

Furthermore, any property that is the subject of a site selection and acquisition for the use of a lot for open parking pursuant to application C080378 PCR may be governed by the regulations of this Chapter or the underlying regulations of this Resolution for a period of two years after October 23, 2008. After October 23, 2010, such property shall be subject to the regulations of this Chapter.

In the North Waterfront Subdistrict, "publicly accessible waterfront open space" shall include on-site and off-site areas, as applicable, as set forth in the approved Proposed Plans, pursuant to Section 128-61 (Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites).

128-03 - District Plan and Maps

LAST AMENDED
10/30/2013

The regulations of this Chapter are designed to implement the #Special St. George District# Plan.

The District Plan includes the following five maps:

Map 1. Special St. George District and Subdistricts

Map 2. Designated Street Frontages

Map 3. Minimum and Maximum Base Heights

Map 4. Tower Restriction Areas

Map 5. Visual Corridors and Parcels

The maps are located in the Appendix to this Chapter and are hereby incorporated and made a part of this Resolution. They are incorporated for the purpose of specifying locations where special regulations and requirements set forth in this Chapter apply.

128-04 - Subdistricts

LAST AMENDED
10/30/2013

In order to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Chapter, the #Special St. George District# shall include three subdistricts: the Upland Subdistrict, the North Waterfront District and the South Waterfront Subdistrict, as shown on Map 1 (Special St. George District and Subdistricts) in the Appendix to this Chapter.

128-05 - Applicability of District Regulations

LAST AMENDED
10/23/2008

128-051 - Applicability of Article I, Chapter 2

LAST AMENDED
3/28/2012

The definition of "lower density growth management area" in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS) shall be modified to exclude all districts within the #Special St. George District#.

128-052 - Applicability of Article III, Chapter 6

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12/5/2024

The provisions of Section 36-76 (Waiver or Reduction of Spaces for Subsidized Housing) shall not apply in the #Special St. George District#.

128-053 - Applicability of Article VI, Chapter 2

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12/5/2024

The provisions of Article VI, Chapter 2 (Special Regulations Applying in the Waterfront Area), shall apply in the North Waterfront Subdistrict of the #Special St. George District#, as modified in this Chapter. In such Subdistrict, such provisions shall not apply to improvements to the publicly accessible waterfront open space, or to #developments#, #enlargements#, alterations and changes of #use# permitted pursuant to Section 128-61 (Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites). However, the regulations of Section 62-31 (Bulk Computations on Waterfront Zoning Lots) shall apply to such #developments#, #enlargements#, alterations and changes of #use#, as modified pursuant to such special permit. In addition, the special requirements for #visual corridors# set forth in Section 128-43 (Visual Corridors in the North Waterfront Subdistrict) shall apply.

128-054 - Applicability of Article VII, Chapter 4

LAST AMENDED

12/5/2024

Within the North Waterfront Subdistrict of the #Special St. George District#, the following special permits shall not apply:

Section 74-194 (Public parking garages or public parking lots outside high density areas)

Section 74-61 (Development on Lots that Include Railroad Right-of-Ways).

In addition, the provisions of the following special permits, as applicable, shall be deemed to be modified when an application pursuant to Section 128-61 (Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites) for Parcel 1 or Parcel 2, as shown on the maps in the Appendix to this Chapter, under application numbers C130317ZSR or C130318ZSR, as applicable, has been approved:

C000012ZSR

C000013ZSR

C000014ZSR

C000016(A)ZSR

128-055 - Applicability of Article VII, Chapter 5

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

Within the North Waterfront Subdistrict of the #Special St. George District#, the following authorization by the City Planning Commission and certifications by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission, shall not apply:

Section 75-411 (Developments on or over railroad rights-of-way)

Section 75-412 (Developments on lots under one and a half acres that include railroad right-of-ways)

128-10 - USE REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED
10/23/2008

128-11 - Streetscape Regulations

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

The underlying #ground floor level# streetscape provisions set forth in Section 32-30 (STREETSCAPE REGULATIONS), inclusive, shall apply, except that:

(a) #ground floor level# #street# frontages along #streets#, or portions thereof, designated on Map 2 (Designated Street Frontages) in the Appendix of this Chapter shall be considered #Tier C street frontages#, and

(b) remaining #ground floor level# #street# frontages shall be considered #Tier B street frontages#. However, in lieu of the parking wrap and enclosure provisions of Section 32-32, inclusive, the provisions for #Tier A street frontages# set forth in Section 32-312 (Ground floor level parking restrictions) may be applied.

128-12 - Location of Uses in Mixed Buildings

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

The provisions of Section 32-422 (Location of floors occupied by commercial uses) shall be modified such that the limitations set forth in paragraph (a) of such Section need not apply, and the requirements in paragraph (b) of such Section shall apply only where #commercial uses# are located above any #story# containing #dwelling units#. In addition, the provisions of paragraph (d) of Section 32-422 shall be modified such that eating or drinking establishments listed under Use Group VI shall be permitted on a #story# above #dwelling units#.

128-20 - FLOOR AREA AND YARD REGULATIONS

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12/5/2024

The underlying #floor area ratio# and #yard# regulations shall apply, except as modified pursuant to the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

128-21 - Maximum Floor Area Ratio

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12/5/2024

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, the maximum #floor area ratio# shall be modified as follows:

(a) for #zoning lots# with less than 10,000 square feet of #lot area# without frontage on a #commercial street#, the maximum #floor area ratio# for any #use#, separately or in combination, shall be 2.2. However, for #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing#, the maximum #floor area ratio# shall be 2.64. No #floor area# bonuses shall apply; or

(b) for all other #zoning lots#, the maximum #floor area ratio# for any #use#, separately or in combination, shall be 3.4. However, for #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing#, the maximum #floor area ratio# shall be 4.08. No #floor area# bonuses shall apply.

128-22 - Rear Yard Equivalents

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, the #rear yard equivalent# regulations for #residential uses# on #through lots#, or the #through lot# portion of a #zoning lot#, are modified as set forth in this Section. Such #yards# shall be provided within 45 feet of the centerline of the #through lot# or #through lot# portion, and the level of such #yards# may be provided at any level not higher than the floor level of the lowest #story# containing #dwelling units# that face such #yards#. Furthermore, no #rear yard equivalent# regulations shall apply to any #through lot# or #through lot# portion of a #zoning lot# on which a tower is #developed# or #enlarged#, pursuant to Section 128-35.

128-30 - HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS

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12/5/2024

In the Upland Subdistrict, underlying height and setback regulations shall apply, except as modified pursuant to the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

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, permitted obstructions shall be allowed pursuant to Section 128-31 (Permitted Obstructions); 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#.

128-31 - Permitted Obstructions

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12/5/2024

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 (b)(1) of Section 23-413 (Permitted obstructions in certain districts). However, where towers are provided in

accordance with Section 128-35 (Towers), the allowance in paragraph (f) of such Section shall supersede the underlying dormer provisions.

128-32 - Street Wall Location

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

The following #street wall# location provisions shall apply:

(a) #Street walls# along designated #street frontages#

For #street walls# fronting #streets# designated on Map 2 (Designated Street Frontages) in the Appendix to this Chapter, the #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (b) Section 35-631 shall apply.

(b) #Street walls# along other #streets#

For #street walls# fronting other #streets#, 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.

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.

128-33 - Maximum Base Height

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

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. 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. At a height not lower than the minimum base height, and not higher than the maximum base height, a setback shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-433 (Standard setback regulations).

128-34 - Maximum Building Height

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

After the required setback, a #building# may rise to the maximum #building# height set forth in Section 23-43 (Height and Setback Requirements in R6 Through R12 Districts), inclusive, for the applicable #residential equivalent#. However, in C4-2 Districts, towers shall be permitted as an alternative to such maximum #building# height, where provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 128-35 (Towers).

128-35 - Towers

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

In C4-2 Districts, 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 comply with the following:

(a) Maximum footprint

Each #story# located entirely above the maximum base height shall not exceed a gross area of 10,000 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.

(b) Tower top articulation

The highest three #stories# shall have a #lot coverage# of at least 50 percent of the #story# located directly below such #stories#, provided that the gross area of any such #story# does not exceed 90 percent of the gross area of that #story# located directly below such #stories#.

(c) Orientation of all towers

The maximum length of the outermost walls of any side of each #story# of a tower facing the #shoreline# 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 tower 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

The underlying setback provisions may be modified as follows: up to 50 percent of the #street wall# of the tower portion of the #building# 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. On frontages where such allowance is taken, no dormers shall be permitted.

(g) Tower exclusion areas

No towers shall be permitted within the areas designated on Map 4 (Tower Restriction Areas) in the Appendix to this Chapter.

128-40 - MANDATORY IMPROVEMENTS

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128-41 - Sidewalks

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10/23/2008

Sidewalks with a depth of at least 12 feet, measured perpendicular to the curb of a #street#, shall be provided along the entire #street# frontage of a #zoning lot#. In locations where the width of the sidewalk within the #street# is less than 12 feet, a sidewalk widening shall be provided on the #zoning lot# so that the combined width of the sidewalk within the #street# and the sidewalk widening equals 12 feet. However, existing #buildings# to remain on the #zoning lot# need not be removed in order to comply with this requirement. All sidewalk widenings shall be improved to Department of Transportation standards for sidewalks, shall be at the same level as the adjoining public sidewalks, and shall be accessible to the public at all times.

128-42 - Visual Corridors in the North Waterfront Subdistrict

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12/5/2024

The designated locations for #visual corridors#, as defined in Article VI, Chapter 2, are shown on Map 5 in the Appendix to this Chapter. Such #visual corridors# shall be provided in accordance with the standards of Sections 62-512 (Dimensions of visual corridors) and 62-513 (Permitted obstructions in visual corridors), except that:

(a) lighting fixtures in #visual corridors# shall be considered permitted obstructions; and

(b) within the #visual corridor# provided through Parcel 2 to the Pierhead line within the flexible location zone indicated on Map 5, a portion of a #building# shall be a permitted obstruction, provided that such obstruction is located no more than 14 feet above the reference plane of the #visual corridor#, and that such obstruction occupies no more than 185,000 cubic feet in total above the reference plane of the #visual corridor#.

128-50 - PARKING REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED
10/23/2008

In the #Special St. George District#, the underlying regulations governing permitted and required #accessory# off-street parking spaces are modified as set forth in this Section.

128-51 - Required Off-street Parking and Loading

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

In the #Special St. George District#, the following modifications to underlying parking and loading regulations shall apply:

In C4-2 Districts:

(a) For #commercial# #uses#, the off-street parking and loading requirements of a C4-3 District shall apply, except that grocery and convenience retailers listed under Use Group VI with 2,500 or more square feet of #floor area# per establishment shall require one parking space per 400 square feet of #floor area# and, for #uses# subject to PRC-B or PRC-F off-street parking requirements, the requirements of a C4-2 District shall apply.

(b) For ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities listed under Use Group III, the off-street parking requirements of a C4-3 District shall apply.

128-52 - Special Floor Area Regulations

LAST AMENDED
10/23/2008

The #floor area# of a #building# shall not include floor space used for off-street parking spaces provided in any #story# that complies with the provisions of Section 128-54 (Location of Accessory Off-street Parking Spaces).

128-53 - Use of Parking Facilities

LAST AMENDED
10/23/2008

All #accessory# off-street parking spaces may be provided within parking facilities, including #public parking garages#, on #zoning lots# other than the same #zoning lot# as the #use# to which they are #accessory#, provided:

(a) such parking facilities are located within the #Special St. George District# ;

(b) the off-street parking space within such facility is counted only once in meeting the parking requirements for a specific #zoning lot# ; and

(c) the number of #accessory# parking spaces within such facility shall not exceed the combined number of spaces permitted on each #zoning lot# using such facility, less the number of spaces provided on each #zoning lot# using such facility.

128-54 - Special Requirements for Roofs of Parking Facilities

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6/6/2024

The roof of a facility containing off-street parking spaces, not otherwise covered by a #building#, which is larger than 400 square feet, shall be landscaped. No parking spaces shall be provided on the roof of such facility. Up to five percent of such roof area may be used for mechanical equipment, provided that such mechanical equipment is screened from view by a fence which is at least 75 percent opaque or by at least three feet of dense planting. No less than 75 percent of such roof area shall be accessible for the recreational use of the occupants of the #building# in which it is located; and no more than 25 percent may be accessible solely from an adjacent #dwelling unit#. Hard surfaced areas shall not cover more than 60 percent of such roof area.

128-55 - Curb Cuts on Commercial Streets

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

No curb cuts shall be permitted on #streets# designated on Map 2 in the Appendix to this Chapter. However, if access to a required #accessory# parking facility or loading berth is not possible because of such restriction, a curb cut may be allowed if the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission certifies to the Commissioner of Buildings that such location is the only possible location for the facility or loading berth, is not hazardous to traffic safety, is at least 50 feet from the intersection of two #street lines#, and is constructed so as to have minimal effect on the streetscape.

128-60 - SPECIAL APPROVALS

LAST AMENDED
10/30/2013

The special permit for North Waterfront sites set forth in Section 128-61 is established in order to guide and encourage appropriate #use# and #development# in a unique location within the #Special St. George District# that serves as a gateway between Staten Island and Manhattan for both visitors and daily commuters. Redevelopment of the North Waterfront sites pursuant to this special permit provides an appropriate means to address the special characteristics of these sites, while accommodating their continuing transportation function, as part of their transformation into a regional destination that will contribute to the revitalization of the #Special St. George District# and surrounding area.

The special permit for #buildings# in R7-3 Districts set forth in Section 128-62 is established to allow modification of #bulk# regulations and mandatory improvements, except #floor area ratio# provisions, in order to encourage better site planning, and streetscapes that are consistent with the goals of the Special District.

128-61 - Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

In the North Waterfront Subdistrict, for Parcels 1 and 2, and for improvements to the publicly accessible waterfront open space, provided in connection with the #development# of such parcels, as applicable, the City Planning Commission may approve, by special permit, a development plan for each such parcel and an improvement plan for the publicly accessible waterfront open space. For any application for such special permit, the applicant shall provide plans to the Commission, including but not limited to a site plan, interim parking plan, signage plan, lighting plan and an improvement plan for the publicly accessible waterfront open space (the "Proposed Plans"). Such Proposed Plans shall be subject to the conditions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (e) and the findings set forth in paragraph (f) of this Section.

Pursuant to such Proposed Plans, the Commission may:

(a) permit the following #use# modifications:

(1) #commercial# #uses# listed under Use Group VI, with a size limitation, as denoted in the Use Group table with an "S", may be permitted without size limitation;

(2) #outdoor amusement parks# listed under Use Group VIII may be permitted without size limitation;

(3) #public parking garages# with more than 150 spaces may be permitted;

(4) temporary #public parking lots# or #public parking garages# with more than 150 spaces, supplied in connection with an interim parking plan, may be permitted, provided that:

(i) the applicable findings of Section 74-51 Public Parking Garages of Public Parking Lots Outside High Density Central Areas) are met by each such temporary public parking facility;

(ii) such temporary #public parking lots# or #public parking garages# with more than 150 spaces, may be located off-site or beyond the boundaries of the #Special St. George District# only as set forth in the interim parking plan. Any change in the location of such temporary #public parking# facility with more than 150 spaces, or any increase in the number of spaces in a temporary #public parking# facility to more than 150 spaces, or any addition of a #public parking# facility with more than 150 spaces provided in connection with such interim parking plan, shall be subject to further approval by the City Planning Commission and referred to the applicable Community Board(s) for review; and

(iii) the permit to operate such #public parking lots# or #public parking garages# shall expire 30 days after the Department of Buildings issues a certificate of occupancy for all permanent public parking facilities on Parcel 2;

(b) where such #development# is located partially or entirely on or over a railroad right-of-way or #former railroad right-of-way#:

(1) permit that portion of the #railroad right-of-way# which will be completely covered over by a permanent platform to be included in the calculations of #lot area# for such #development# ; and

(2) establish, in lieu of #base plane#, an appropriate level or levels as the reference plane for the entire #zoning lot# for the applicable regulations pertaining to, but not limited to, height and setback, #floor area# and #yards#;

(c) permit #signs# pursuant to a signage plan, subject to the following conditions:

(1) the #sign# regulations of a C4 District, as set forth in Section 32-60, shall apply, except as specifically modified by the conditions set forth in paragraphs (c)(2) through (c)(7), inclusive, of this Section;

(2) #flashing signs# shall not be permitted;

(3) the height of #signs# shall be measured from the #base plane#;

(4) flags, banners or pennants, other than those that are #advertising signs#, shall be permitted without limitation;

(5) on Parcel 1:

(i) the total #surface area# of a #sign# affixed to a #building# frontage facing the #shoreline# or affixed to the base of a structure facing the #shoreline# shall not exceed 1,120 square feet, provided that for a #sign# with a #surface area# larger than 500 square feet, all writing, pictorial representations, emblems, flags, symbols or any other figure or character comprising the design of such #sign#, shall be separate elements, individually cut and separately affixed to the structure. No perimeter or background surfaces shall be applied or affixed to the structure in addition to such separate elements. No portion of such separate elements shall extend beyond the maximum dimensions allowed for the structure; and

(ii) #signs# shall be permitted to be located on the deck of the #railroad right-of-way#, provided that the #surface area# of such #signs# shall be included in the calculations of total #surface area# of #signs#;

(6) on Parcel 2:

(i) open pedestrian pathways of at least 20 feet in width shall be considered #streets# for the purposes of #sign# regulations;

(ii) #signs# shall not extend to a height greater than 60 feet above the #base plane#; and

(iii) the total #surface area# of #signs# on the #building# frontage facing Richmond Terrace, the prolongation of Wall Street, or on the #building# frontage or other structure facing the access route into the Ferry Terminal for buses, may exceed the limitations for total #surface area# for #signs# permitted in a C4 District, pursuant to an approved signage plan; and

(7) the total #surface area# of all #signs# on Parcel 2 facing the #shoreline#, or that are within 15 degrees of being parallel to the #shoreline#, shall not exceed:

(i) 500 square feet for #signs# located above the level of the first #story# ceiling of #buildings#; or

(ii) 250 square feet for #signs# located below the level of the first #story# ceiling of #buildings#;

(d) through approval of the Proposed Plans, establish appropriate requirements in lieu of the following #Special St. George District# regulations:

Section 128-11 (Streetscape Regulations);

Section 128-54 (Special Requirements for Roofs of Parking Facilities); and

(e) through approval of the Proposed Plans:

(1) establish appropriate requirements for the height and setback of #buildings or other structures#, permitted obstructions in #yards#, off-street parking and loading; and

(2) permit #floor area# to be distributed within the North Waterfront Subdistrict without regard for #zoning# #lot lines#, provided that if distribution is made to a #zoning lot#, subject to a special permit granted under this Section, from a #zoning lot# not subject

to such special permit, Notices of Restriction in a form acceptable to the Department of City Planning shall be filed against such #zoning lots# setting forth the increase and decrease in the #floor area# on such #zoning lots#, respectively.

(f) The Commission shall find that the Proposed Plans:

(1) include #uses# that are appropriate, considering the unique location of the site in relation to the Staten Island Ferry Terminal, the Staten Island Rail Road, and the land #uses# in and around the #Special St. George District#;

(2) provide a distribution of #floor area#, locations and heights of #buildings or other structures#, primary business entrances and open areas, that will result in a superior site plan, providing a well-designed relationship between #buildings and other structures# and open areas on the #zoning lot#; and shall also provide a well-designed relationship between the site and adjacent #streets#, surrounding #buildings#, adjacent off-site open areas and #shorelines# and will thus benefit the users of the site, the neighborhood and the City as a whole;

(3) provide a distribution of #floor area# and locations and heights of #buildings or other structures# that will not unduly increase the #bulk# of #buildings or other structures# in the North Waterfront Subdistrict or unduly obstruct access of light and air to the detriment of the users of the site or nearby #blocks# or of people using the public #streets#, and that will provide waterfront vistas from nearby #streets# and properties on nearby #blocks#;

(4) provide useful and attractive publicly accessible open space, with sufficient public amenities, including but not limited to seating, landscaping and lighting, that results in a superior relationship with surrounding neighborhood destinations, #streets#, #buildings#, open areas, public facilities and the waterfront;

(5) improve public access to the waterfront;

(6) improve, as applicable, the publicly accessible waterfront open space sufficiently to ensure that emergency vehicles will have adequate access to the waterfront and adjacent #developments#;

(7) in connection with the improvement of the applicable portions of the publicly accessible waterfront open space, restore planted areas, trees and lighting in a way that is attractive and compatible with the design of the Waterfront Esplanade existing on October 30, 2013;

(8) provide adequate parking and loading to meet the demand for all users during peak utilization;

(9) provide adequate parking for commuters at locations convenient and accessible to the Staten Island Ferry Terminal at all times and during all phases of construction;

(10) provide signage and lighting that are compatible with the scenic and historic character of the harbor and that will not adversely affect the character of the surrounding neighborhood;

(11) for a #public parking garage# with more than 150 parking spaces, will ensure that:

(i) entrances are proposed in locations and with design features that minimize traffic congestion and conflicts with pedestrians;

(ii) adequate reservoir space has been provided at the vehicular entrances; and

(iii) the #streets# providing access to such #use# will be adequate to handle the traffic generated thereby; and

(12) for a #development# located partially or entirely on or over a #railroad right-of-way# or #former railroad right-of-way#

(i) the distribution of #floor area# does not adversely affect the character of the surrounding area by being unduly concentrated in any portion of such #development#, including any portion of the #development# located beyond the boundaries of such #railroad right-of-way#; and

(ii) if such #railroad right-of-way# is deemed appropriate for future transportation #use#, the site plan and structural design of the #development# do not preclude future use of, or improvements to, the right-of-way for such transportation #use#.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area. In addition, for a #development# located partially or entirely on or over a #railroad right-of-way#, the Commission may require that the structural design of such #development# makes due allowance for changes within the layout of tracks or other structures within any #railroad right-of-way# which may be deemed necessary in connection with future development or improvement of the transportation system.

Prior to granting a special permit, the Commission shall request the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to indicate whether said agency has any plan to use that portion of any #former railroad right-of-way#.

The execution and recordation of a restrictive declaration acceptable to the Commission, binding the owners, successors and assigns to maintain such #developments#, #enlargements#, alterations, changes of #use#, and any temporary parking facilities, in accordance with the approved Proposed Plans, and in a manner consistent with any additional conditions and safeguards prescribed by the Commission, shall be a condition to exercise of the special permit. Such restrictive declaration shall be recorded in the Office of the County Clerk. A copy of such declaration shall be provided to the Department of Buildings upon application for any building permit related to a #development#, #enlargement# or change of #use#.

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For any #zoning lot# in an R7-3 District, the City Planning Commission may permit modification of #bulk# regulations, except #floor area ratio# provisions, and modification of mandatory improvements, provided the Commission shall find that such modifications:

(a) will aid in achieving the general purposes and intent of the Special District;

(b) will enhance the distribution of #bulk# on the #zoning lot#;

(c) will not unduly obstruct access to light and air from surrounding #streets# and properties; and

(d) will result in a better site plan and urban design relationship with adjacent #streets#, open areas, and the surrounding neighborhood.

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

Appendix - Special St. George District Plan

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Map 1 - Special St. George District and Subdistricts (7/16/26)

Map 2 – Designated Street Frontages (7/16/26)

Map 3 – Minimum and Maximum Base Heights (7/16/26)

Map 4 – Tower Restriction Areas (7/16/26)

Map 5 – Visual Corridors and Parcels (7/16/26)