



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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# **Chapter 6 - Comprehensive Off-street Parking Regulations in the Long Island City Area**

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## 16-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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The provisions of this Chapter establish special comprehensive regulations for off-street parking in the Long Island City area, as defined in Section [16-02](#) (Definitions).

These regulations will allow parking to be provided in a manner that supports a mass transit and pedestrian-oriented central mixed use district.

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## 16-01 - General Provisions

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Except as modified by the express provisions of this Chapter, the regulations of the underlying zoning districts shall remain in effect.

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## 16-02 - Definitions

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Long Island City area

For the purposes of this Chapter, “Long Island City area” shall refer to the area within the boundaries shown on the map in Section [16-03](#).

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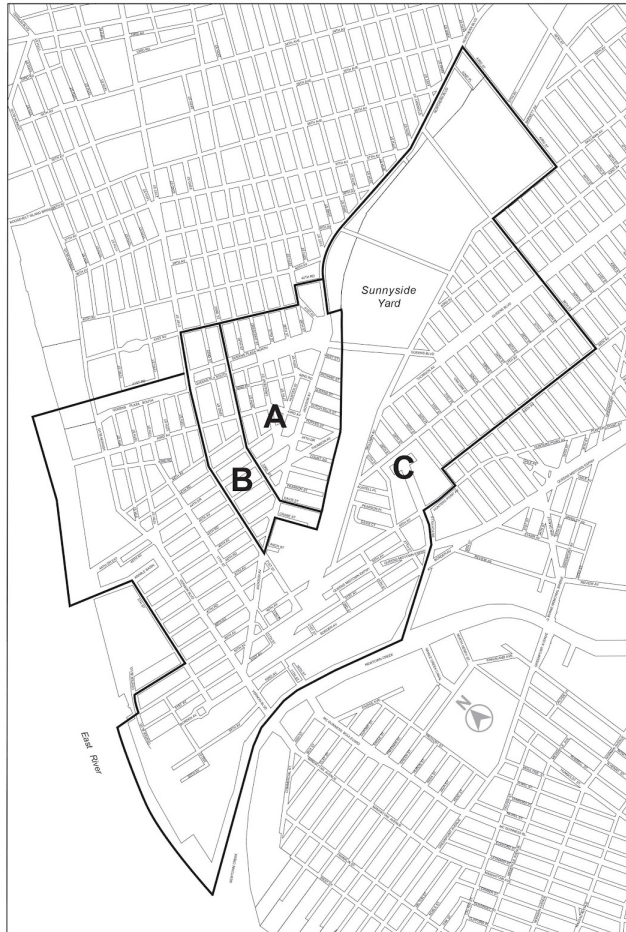
## 16-03 - Map of Long Island City area

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The #Long Island City area# is shown on the following map for the purpose of specifying areas where special regulations and requirements set forth in this Chapter apply.

Long Island City Area



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## **16-04 - Areas A, B and C**

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Areas A, B and C are established within the #Long Island City area#, the boundaries of which are shown on the map in Section [16-03](#).

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## **16-05 - Applicability**

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### **16-051 - Applicability of parking regulations within the Long Island City area**

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The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages#, as set forth in this Section.

- (a) For #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking garages# and #public parking lots# constructed prior to October 25, 1995, the number of parking spaces required or permitted shall be set forth in Section [16-07](#) (Existing Buildings and Off-street Parking Facilities).

- (b) For #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages# #developed# or #enlarged# after October 25, 1995, the number of parking spaces permitted in a parking facility shall be as set forth in Section [16-10](#) (PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA). Special rules shall apply to all such #accessory# off-street parking spaces, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages#, as set forth in Section [16-20](#).
- (c) Any increase in the number of off-street parking spaces in an #accessory# off-street parking facility, #public parking lot# or #public parking garage# resulting in a capacity not otherwise allowed under the applicable regulations of Section [16-10](#), shall be permitted only by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to the applicable special permit in Section [16-35](#) (Special Permits), inclusive.

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## **16-052 - Applicability of parking regulations for large-scale residential developments within the Long Island City area**

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The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to #large-scale residential developments# utilizing Sections [78-41](#) (Location of Accessory Parking Spaces) or [78-42](#) (Parking Regulations for Commercial and Community Facility Uses).

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## **16-053 - Applicability of Special Purpose Districts within the Long Island City area**

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In addition to the provisions of this Chapter, further requirements relating to the #Long Island City area# can be found in the following Special Purpose Districts:

- (a) the #Special Long Island City Mixed Use District#, as set forth in Section [117-54](#) (Off-street Parking and Loading Regulations); and
- (b) the #Special Southern Hunters Point District#, as set forth in Section [125-50](#) (PARKING REGULATIONS), inclusive.

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## **16-06 - Previously Approved Special Permits or Authorizations**

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Any authorization or special permit relating to parking regulations in the #Long Island City area# granted by the City Planning Commission or Board of Standards and Appeals prior to October 25, 1995, may be started or continued, in accordance with the terms thereof, or as such terms may subsequently be modified, pursuant to the regulations in effect at the time such authorization or special permit was granted. Such authorizations or special permits shall be subject to the provisions of Sections [11-42](#) (Lapse of Authorization of Special Permit Granted by the City Planning Commission Pursuant to the 1961 Zoning Resolution) and [11-43](#) (Renewal of Authorization or Special Permit). However, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the renewal of any special permit or authorization for a #public parking lot#.

Any subsequent modifications to such authorizations or special permits that involve an increase in the number of off-street parking spaces provided shall only be permitted by the applicable special permit provisions of Section [16-35](#).

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## **16-07 - Existing Buildings and Off-street Parking Facilities**

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The provisions of this Section shall apply to existing required or permitted #accessory# off-street parking spaces, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages#, established prior to October 25, 1995, in the #Long Island City area#, as applicable, and to existing #buildings# #developed# without the provision of parking.

(a) Existing parking facilities

Within the #Long Island City area#, existing required or permitted #accessory# off-street parking spaces, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages# established prior to October 25, 1995, shall be subject to the applicable zoning district regulations in effect prior to October 25, 1995, except that:

- (1) any reduction or elimination of existing #accessory# off-street parking spaces that were required under the applicable provisions in effect prior to October 25, 1995, shall not be permitted; and
- (2) #enlargements#, #extensions# or any increase in the number of off-street parking spaces within such off-street parking facilities that result in a capacity not otherwise allowed under the applicable regulations of Section [16-10](#) (PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA) shall only be permitted by special permit by the City Planning Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of Section [16-35](#) (Special Permits).

(b) Existing #buildings# #developed# without parking

Within the #Long Island City area#, existing #buildings# #developed# without the provision of parking may add up to 15 #accessory# off-street parking spaces only where the City Planning Commission authorizes such additional spaces pursuant to the provisions of Section [16-341](#) (Limited increase in parking spaces for existing buildings without parking).

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## **16-10 - PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA**

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No parking shall be required for the #Long Island City area#. Off-street parking spaces located within #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages# in the #Long Island City area# shall be allowed only as set forth in this Section, inclusive.

All such parking facilities shall be subject to the applicable regulations set forth in Section [16-20](#).

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## **16-11 - Permitted Parking for Residences**

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#Accessory# off-street parking spaces are permitted for #residences# in #developments# or #enlargements#, as follows:

- (a) within Area A, as shown on the map in Section [16-03](#), #accessory# off-street parking spaces may be provided for not more than 50 percent of the total number of new #dwelling units# contained in the #development# or #enlargement#, or 200 spaces, whichever is less.
- (b) within Areas B and C, as shown on the map, #accessory# off-street parking spaces may be provided for not more than 100 percent of the total number of new #dwelling units# contained in the #development# or #enlargement#.

All such #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall be used exclusively by the occupants of the #residential# #development# or #enlargement#.

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## 16-12 - Permitted Parking for Non-residential Uses

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#Accessory# off-street parking spaces are permitted for non-#residential uses# in #developments# or #enlargements#, as follows:

(a) #Transient hotels#

For #transient hotel# #developments# or #enlargements#, a maximum of 150 #accessory# off-street parking spaces are permitted if there is only one entrance to the #accessory# #group parking facility# and a maximum of 225 #accessory# off-street parking spaces are permitted if there are two or more entrances. In no event may the number of parking spaces exceed 50 percent of the number of new #transient hotel# rooms. All such parking spaces shall be used primarily for the personnel, guests and occupants of the #transient hotel#.

(b) Hospitals

For hospital #developments# or #enlargements# in Area A, as shown on the map in Section [16-03](#), a maximum of 150 #accessory# off-street parking spaces, open or enclosed, are permitted if there is only one entrance to the #accessory# group parking facility and a maximum of 225 #accessory# off-street parking spaces, open or enclosed, are permitted if there are two or more entrances.

For hospital #developments# or #enlargements# within Areas B and C, as shown on the map, #accessory# off-street parking may be provided in accordance with the underlying district regulations.

All such parking spaces are to be used exclusively by the hospital staff, patients and visitors.

(c) Other #commercial#, #community facility# and #manufacturing# #uses#

For #developments# or #enlargements# in Area A containing #community facility# #uses# other than hospitals, #commercial# #uses# other than #transient hotels#, or #manufacturing# #uses#, the maximum number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces permitted shall not exceed one space per 4,000 square feet of such #community facility#, #commercial# or #manufacturing# #floor area#, or 100 spaces, whichever is less. All such parking spaces shall be used exclusively by the tenants or employees of the #development# or #enlargement# and shall not be available to the public.

Within Areas B and C, the maximum number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces permitted for each #development#, #enlargement# or alteration shall not exceed one space per 4,000 square feet of #floor area#, or 100 spaces, whichever is less. In the event that the permitted number of #accessory# off-street spaces would be less than 15 spaces, an #accessory# parking facility of up to 15 spaces may be provided. All spaces shall be used exclusively by the tenants or employees of the #development# or #enlargement# and shall not be available to the public.

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## 16-13 - Permitted Parking for Zoning Lots With Multiple Uses

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Where a #development# or #enlargement# contains a combination of #uses# for which parking regulations are set forth in

Sections [16-11](#) (Permitted Parking for Residences) and [16-12](#) (Permitted Parking for Non-residential Uses), the number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces for all such #uses# shall not exceed the number of spaces permitted for each #use# in accordance with the provisions of such Sections. However, in no event shall the maximum number exceed 225 #accessory# off-street parking spaces. The exclusive or primary #use# provisions of Sections [16-11](#) and [16-12](#) shall be applicable to the number of spaces provided for each #use#.

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## 16-14 - Permitted Public Parking Lots

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#Public parking lots# shall not be permitted within the #Long Island City area#, except where authorized by the City Planning Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-342.

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## 16-15 - Permitted Public Parking Garages

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Within Areas A or B, as shown on the map in Section [16-03](#), #public parking garages# shall be permitted only in accordance with the special permit provisions of Section 16-352. However, notwithstanding any underlying district regulations, within Subarea C, as shown on the map, #public parking garages# with a maximum capacity of 150 spaces shall be permitted as-of-right within any zoning district.

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## 16-16 - Permitted Parking for Car Sharing Vehicles and Commercial Vehicles

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#Car sharing vehicles# and commercial vehicle parking for motor vehicles not exceeding a length of 20 feet shall be permitted, as follows:

(a) #Accessory# off-street parking facilities

#Car sharing vehicles# may occupy parking spaces in an #accessory# off-street parking facility, provided that such #car sharing vehicles# shall not exceed 20 percent of all parking spaces in such facility, or five spaces, whichever is greater. #Accessory# #residential# off-street parking spaces shall be made available to the occupant of a #residence# to which it is #accessory# within 30 days after a written request therefor is made to the landlord.

(b) #Public parking garages# and #public parking lots#

(1) #Car sharing vehicles# shall be permitted within #public parking garages# and, where authorized pursuant to Section [16-342](#), #public parking lots#, provided such vehicles do not exceed, in total, 40 percent of the total number of parking spaces permitted.

(2) Commercial vehicle parking for motor vehicles not exceeding a length of 20 feet shall be permitted within #public parking garages# and, where authorized pursuant to Section [16-342](#), #public parking lots#, provided that the total amount of parking spaces occupied by commercial vehicles shall not exceed 10 percent of the total number of parking spaces permitted, or 10 spaces, whichever is less.

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## **16-20 - SPECIAL RULES FOR PARKING FACILITIES WITHIN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA**

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All #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages# #developed# or #enlarged# after October 25, 1995, in the #Long Island City area# shall comply with the applicable provisions of this Section, inclusive.

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### **16-21 - Off-site Parking**

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No #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall be located on a #zoning lot# other than the same #zoning lot# as the #use# to which they are #accessory#.

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### **16-22 - Enclosure, Surfacing and Screening Requirements**

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All #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall be located within a #completely enclosed# #building#, with the exception of:

- (a) parking spaces #accessory# to a hospital, as listed in Use Group 4; and
  - (b) up to 15 off-street parking spaces #accessory# to #commercial# #uses# other than a #transient hotel#, as listed in Use Group 5, #community facility# #uses# other than hospitals, or #manufacturing# #uses#.
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### **16-23 - Curb Cut Restrictions**

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In the #Long Island City area#, for #accessory# off-street parking facilities and #public parking garages#, curb cuts accessing entrances and exits to such parking facilities shall not be permitted at the following locations:

- (a) within 50 feet of the intersection of any two #street lines#, except where the Commissioner of Buildings certifies that such location is not hazardous to traffic safety, is not likely to create traffic congestion and will not unduly inhibit surface traffic or pedestrian flow. The Commissioner of Buildings may refer such matter to the Department of Transportation, or its successor, for a report;
  - (b) for #accessory# off-street parking facilities, on 21st Street, 44th Drive, Jackson Avenue, Queens Boulevard, Queens Plaza (North, South and East), Skillman Avenue or Thomson Avenue, except by authorization of the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section [16-343](#);
  - (c) for #public parking garages#, on 21st Street, 44th Drive, Jackson Avenue, Queens Boulevard, Queens Plaza (North, South and East) or Vernon Boulevard, except by authorization, pursuant to Section [16-343](#).
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### **16-24 - Minimum and Maximum Size of Parking Facilities**

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The gross unobstructed surface area, in square feet, of a permitted #accessory# #group parking facility# including stalls, aisles, driveways and maneuvering areas shall not exceed 200 times the number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces provided. This size limitation shall not be applicable to off-street parking spaces permitted under the provisions of paragraph (c) of Section [16-12](#) (Permitted Parking for Non-residential Uses) where such spaces are exclusively #accessory#, no-charge, self-parking spaces in enclosed facilities with a capacity limited to 100 automobiles. In such facilities, the gross unobstructed surface area, in square feet, shall not exceed 300 times the number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces provided.

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## **16-30 - AUTHORIZATIONS AND SPECIAL PERMITS**

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### **16-31 - General Provisions**

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The City Planning Commission may grant authorizations and special permits, pursuant to Sections [16-34](#), inclusive, and [16-35](#), inclusive.

All such special permits and authorizations, in addition to meeting the requirements, conditions and safeguards prescribed by the Commission, shall conform to and comply with all of the applicable zoning district regulations of the Zoning Resolution, except as otherwise specified herein.

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### **16-32 - Requirements for Applications**

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An application to the City Planning Commission for the grant of a special permit or authorization under the provisions of this Section shall include a site plan showing the location of all #buildings or other structures# on the site, the location of all vehicular entrances and exits and off-street parking spaces, and such other information as may be required by the Commission.

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### **16-33 - Relationship to Public Improvement Projects**

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In all cases, the City Planning Commission shall deny a special permit application or authorization whenever the #use# will interfere with a public improvement project (including housing, highways, public #buildings# or facilities, redevelopment or renewal projects, or rights-of-way for sewers, transit or other public facilities) which is approved by or pending before the City Council or the Commission, as determined from the calendar of each agency issued prior to the date of the public meeting on the application for a special permit or authorization.

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### **16-34 - Authorizations**

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## 16-341 - Limited increase in parking spaces for existing buildings without parking

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The City Planning Commission may, by authorization, subject to the otherwise applicable zoning district regulations, allow on-site enclosed #accessory# off-street parking facilities with a maximum capacity of 15 spaces in existing #buildings#, provided that the Commission finds that:

- (a) the #building# does not have #accessory# off-street parking spaces;
- (b) such parking spaces are needed for and will be used exclusively by the occupants of the #use# to which they are #accessory#, except that #car sharing vehicles# may occupy #accessory# off-street parking spaces; however, the number of spaces so occupied shall not exceed five spaces or 20 percent of all such parking spaces, whichever is greater. For the purposes of this paragraph (b), such need shall exist where there are special circumstances and there are no reasonably viable alternatives to on-site enclosed parking spaces;
- (c) the parking spaces will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion and will not unduly inhibit surface traffic;
- (d) the parking spaces will not adversely affect pedestrian movement;
- (e) the parking spaces will not be incompatible with, or adversely affect, adjacent #uses# including #uses# within the #building#; and
- (f) the curb cut accessing such parking spaces will not be inconsistent with the character of the existing streetscape.

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## 16-342 - Public parking lots

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The City Planning Commission may authorize #public parking lots# with a capacity of not more than 150 spaces in the #Long Island City area#, provided that the otherwise applicable regulations set forth in Sections [36-55](#) or [44-44](#) (Surfacing), and Sections [36-56](#) or [44-45](#) (Screening) are met.

As a condition for authorizing any such #public parking lots#, the Commission shall make the following findings:

- (a) such #use# will not be incompatible with, or adversely affect, the growth and development of #uses# comprising vital and essential functions in the general area within which such #use# is to be located;
- (b) such #use# will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion and will not unduly inhibit vehicular and pedestrian movement;
- (c) such #use# is so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #residential# #streets#; and
- (d) the #streets# providing access to such #use# will be adequate to handle the traffic generated thereby.

The City Planning Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, including limitations on #signs#, or requirements for shielding of floodlights and for locations of entrances and exits.

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## **16-343 - Curb cuts**

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The City Planning Commission may authorize curb cuts located on a #street# designated in Section [16-23](#) (Curb Cut Restrictions), provided the Commission finds that a curb cut at such location:

- (a) is not hazardous to traffic safety;
  - (b) will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion or unduly inhibit vehicular movement;
  - (c) will not adversely affect pedestrian movement;
  - (d) will not interfere with the efficient functioning of bus lanes, specially designated #streets# and public transit facilities;  
and
  - (e) will not be inconsistent with the character of the existing streetscape.
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## **16-35 - Special Permits**

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### **16-351 - Accessory off-street parking spaces**

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The City Planning Commission may, by special permit, subject to the otherwise applicable zoning district regulations, allow on-site or off-site, open or enclosed, #accessory# off-street parking facilities with any capacity not otherwise allowed under Section [16-10](#) (PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA), provided the Commission finds that:

- (a) such parking spaces are needed for, and will be used by, the occupants, visitors, customers or employees of the #use# to which they are #accessory#, except that #car sharing vehicles# may occupy #accessory# off-street parking spaces; however, the number of spaces so occupied shall not exceed five spaces or 20 percent of all such parking spaces, whichever is greater;
- (b) within the vicinity of the site, there are insufficient parking spaces available;
- (c) the facility will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion or unduly inhibit vehicular and pedestrian movement;
- (d) the facility is so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #residential# #streets#; and
- (e) adequate reservoir space is provided at the vehicular entrance to accommodate vehicles equivalent in number to 20 percent of the total number of parking spaces, up to 50 parking spaces, and five percent of any spaces in excess of 200 parking spaces, but in no event shall such reservoir spaces be required for more than 50 vehicles. However, in the case of a facility with a capacity of 10 vehicles or less, the Commission may waive this finding.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the

surrounding area, including traffic improvements, if necessary, and limitations on #signs# or requirements for shielding or floodlights or for locations of entrances and exits.

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## **16-352 - Public parking garages and public parking lots**

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The City Planning Commission may, by special permit, allow #public parking garages# and #public parking lots# not otherwise permitted, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Section [74-52](#) (Parking Garages or Public Parking Lots in High Density Central Areas).