Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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42-63 - Surface Area and Illumination Provisions

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In all districts, as indicated, all permitted #signs# shall be subject to the restrictions on #surface area# and illumination as set forth in this Section, provided that the following #signs# shall be exempted from such restrictions on #surface area#:

> #Illuminated# non-#flashing signs#, other than #advertising signs#, located in a window within a #building#, with a total #surface area# not exceeding eight square feet on any #zoning lot# and limited to not more than three such #signs# in any window.

For the purpose of determining permitted #surface area# of #signs# for #zoning lots# occupied by more than one establishment, any portion of such #zoning lot# occupied by a #building# or part of a #building# accommodating one or more establishments on the ground floor may be considered as a separate #zoning lot#.

No #illuminated sign# shall have a degree or method of illumination that exceeds standards established by the Department of Buildings by rule pursuant to the City Administrative Procedure Act. Such standards shall ensure that illumination on any #illuminated sign# does not project or reflect on #residences# or #joint living-work quarters for artists# so as to interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment thereof. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize a #sign with indirect illumination# to arrange an external artificial source of illumination so that direct rays of light are projected from such artificial source into #residences# or #joint living-work quarters for artists#.

42-631 - Total surface area of signs

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In all districts, as indicated, the total #surface area# of all permitted #signs#, including non-#illuminated# or #illuminated signs#, shall not exceed the limitation established for non-#illuminated signs#, as set forth in Section 42-632.

42-632 - Non-illuminated signs

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In all districts, as indicated, non-#illuminated signs# with total #surface areas# not exceeding six times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot#, in feet, but in no event more than 1,200 square feet for each #sign#, are permitted.

However, in any #Manufacturing District# in which #residences# or #joint living-work quarters for artists# are, under the provisions of the Zoning Resolution, allowed as-of-right or by special permit or authorization, the total #surface area# of all such permitted #signs# shall not exceed six times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot#, in feet, and that the #surface area# of each #sign# shall not exceed 750 square feet.

42-633 - Illuminated or flashing signs

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In all districts, as indicated, #illuminated# or #flashing# #advertising signs# are not permitted.

#Illuminated# or #flashing signs#, other than #advertising signs#, and #accessory# or #advertising# #signs with indirect illumination# are permitted, provided that the total #surface area# of all such #signs#, in square feet, shall not exceed:

(a) for #illuminated# or #flashing signs# other than #advertising signs#, five times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot#, in feet, and that the #surface area# of each #sign# shall not exceed 500 square feet; and

(b) for #accessory# or #advertising# #signs with indirect illumination#, five times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot#, in feet, and that the #surface area# of each #sign# shall not exceed 750 square feet.

However, in any #Manufacturing District# in which #residences# or #joint living-work quarters for artists# are, under the provisions of the Zoning Resolution, allowed as-of-right or by special permit or authorization, the total #surface area# of all such permitted #signs# shall not exceed five times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot#, in feet, and that the #surface area# of each #sign# shall not exceed 500 square feet.