Zoning Resolution

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25-70 - OFF-STREET LOADING REGULATIONS

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LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

The following regulations on permitted and required accessory off-street loading berths are adopted in order to provide needed space off public streets for loading and unloading activities, to restrict the use of the streets for such activities, to help relieve traffic congestion in residential areas within the city, and thus to promote and protect public health, safety and general welfare.

25-71 - Permitted Accessory Off-street Loading Berths

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12/5/2024

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In all districts, as indicated, #accessory# off-street loading berths, open or enclosed, may be provided for #residences#, for permitted #community facility# #uses#, for #commercial# #uses# permitted as #accessory# #uses# in #large-scale residential developments#, or for #uses# permitted by special permit, under rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Buildings, and subject to the provisions set forth in Sections 25-75 (Location of Access to the Street), 25-76 (Surfacing), and 25-77 (Screening).

25-72 - Required Accessory Off-street Loading Berths

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In all districts, as indicated, #accessory# off-street loading berths, open or enclosed, shall be provided in conformity with the requirements set forth in the following table for all #development# or #enlargement# after December 15, 1961, for the #uses# listed in the table, as a condition precedent to the #use# of such #development# or #enlargement#.

After December 15, 1961, if the #use# of any #building or other structure# is #enlarged#, the requirements set forth in the table shall apply to the #floor area# of the #enlarged# portion of such #building#.

For the purposes of applying the loading requirements of this Chapter, #uses# are grouped into the following Loading Requirement Categories (LRC).

Loading Requirement Category	**#Use# or Use Group**
LRC – A	All #uses# listed under Use Groups IX(A), IX(B) and X
LRC – B	All #uses# listed under Use Group VI, except automotive equipment rental and leasing, automotive repair and maintenance, or gasoline stations; all #uses# listed under Use Group VIII
LRC – C	All #uses# listed under Use Groups V and VII; court houses listed under Use Group IV(A)
LRC – D	Hospitals and related facilities listed under Use Group III(B); prisons listed under Use Group IV(A)

LRC – E Funeral establishments listed under Use Group VI

REQUIRED OFF-STREET LOADING BERTHS FOR DEVELOPMENTS OR ENLARGEMENTS

Loading Requirement Category	**Districts**	
	R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6	**R7 R8 R9 R10**
LRC-A	n/a	
LRC-B 1	First 8,000 sq ft: None Next 17,000 sq ft: 1 Next 15,000 sq ft: 1 Next 20,000 sq ft: 1 Next 40,000 sq ft: 1 Each additional 150,000 sq ft: 1	First 25,000 sq ft: None Next 15,000 sq ft: 1 Next 60,000 sq ft: 1 Each additional 150,000 sq ft: 1
LRC-C	n/a	
LRC-D 2	First 10,000 sq ft: None Next 290,000 sq ft: 1 Each additional 300,000 sq ft: 1	
LRC E	n/a	

1 For #accessory# #commercial# #uses# in #large-scale residential developments#.

2 Requirements in this table are in addition to area utilized for ambulance parking.

25-73 - Special Provisions for Zoning Lots Divided by District Boundaries

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In all districts, as indicated, whenever a #zoning lot# is divided by a boundary between districts having different requirements for #accessory# off-street loading berths, the provisions set forth in Article VII, Chapter 7 shall apply.

25-74 - Size of Required Berths

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In all districts, as indicated, all required off-street loading berths, open or enclosed, shall conform to the regulations on minimum dimensions set forth in the following table. The dimensions of off-street berths shall not include driveways or entrances to or exits from such off-street berths.

MINIMUM DIMENSIONS FOR REQUIRED ACCESSORY OFF-STREET LOADING BERTHS (in feet)

	Length	Width	Vertical clearance

LRC-A	n/a	n/a	n/a
LRC-B[1]	37	12	14
LRC-C	n/a	n/a	n/a
LRC-D	37	12	12
LRC-E	n/a	n/a	n/a

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25-75 - Location of Access to the Street

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In all districts, as indicated, no permitted or required #accessory# off-street loading berth, and no entrance or exit thereto, shall be located less than 50 feet from the intersection of any two #street lines#. However, a location closer to such intersection may be permitted if the Commissioner of Buildings certifies that such a location is not hazardous to traffic safety and not likely to create traffic congestion.

The requirements for #accessory# off-street loading berths set forth in Section 25-72 (Required Accessory Off-street Loading Berths) shall not apply to any #building# as to which the Commissioner

of Buildings certifies that there is no way to arrange the required berths to conform to the provisions of this Section.

The Commissioner of Buildings may refer such matters requiring certification to the Department of Transportation for report and may base his determination on such report.

25-76 - Surfacing

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In all districts, as indicated, all permitted or required open off-street loading berths shall be surfaced with permeable paving materials, asphaltic or Portland cement concrete, or other hard-surfaced dustless material, at least six inches thick.

25-77 - Screening

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In all districts, as indicated, all permitted or required open off-street loading berths shall be screened from all adjoining #zoning lots#, including such #zoning lots# situated across a #street# by either:

(a) a strip at least four feet wide, densely planted with shrubs or trees that are at least four feet high at the time of planting and that are of a type which may be expected to form a year-round dense screen at least six feet high within three years; or

(b) a wall or barrier or uniformly painted fence or fire-resistant material, at least six feet but not more than eight feet above finished grade. Such wall, barrier or fence may be opaque or perforated, provided that not more than 50 percent of the face is open.

In addition, such screening:

(1) shall be maintained in good condition at all times;

(2) may be interrupted by normal entrances and exits; and

(3) shall have no #signs# hung or attached thereto other than those permitted in Section 22-32 (Permitted Non-illuminated Accessory Signs).