



Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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32-42 - Location Within Buildings

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12/15/1961

32-421 - Limitation on floors occupied by commercial uses

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6/6/2024

C1 C2 C3

In the districts indicated, in any #building#, or portion of a #building#, not more than two #stories# may be occupied by #commercial# #uses# listed in Use Groups VI through X.

However, for #buildings# containing #residences#:

- (a) no #conversion# shall be permitted from #dwelling units# to such #commercial uses# on a second #story#:
 - (1) in a #building# constructed before September 17, 1970 and located in C1 or C2 Districts mapped within, or with an equivalent of, an R9 or R10 District; or
 - (2) in a #building# constructed before June 6, 2024, in all other districts;
- (b) the environmental requirements set forth in Section [32-423](#) shall be met, where applicable;
- (c) such #commercial uses# may be permitted on the same #story# as #residences#, provided that no access exists between such #uses# at any level containing #dwelling units#;
- (d) no #commercial uses# shall be located above any #story# containing #dwelling units#; and
- (e) in C1 or C2 Districts that are #select commercial overlays# the following #commercial uses# shall not be permitted on the second #story# where such #story# also contains #dwelling units#:

From Use Group VIII

All #uses# listed under Amusement and Recreation Facilities

#Accessory# mechanical equipment serving #commercial# #uses# listed in such use groups shall not be subject to the location restrictions of this Section.

32-422 - Location of floors occupied by commercial uses

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C4 C5 C6

In the districts indicated, in any #building# containing #residences#, #commercial# #uses# may be permitted on the same #story# as a #residential use#, or on a #story# higher than that occupied by #residential uses#, provided that:

- (a) no #conversion# shall be permitted from #dwelling units# to such #commercial# #uses# in a #building# constructed before June 6, 2024;
- (b) the environmental requirements set forth in Section [32-423](#) shall be met, where applicable;
- (c) no access exists between such #uses# at any level containing #dwelling units#; and
- (d) the following #commercial# #uses# shall not be permitted on a #story# above #dwelling units#:

From Use Group VI:

Eating or drinking establishments, in locations outside of the Borough of Manhattan;

From Use Group VIII

All #uses# listed under Amusement and Recreation Facilities.

#Accessory# mechanical equipment serving #commercial uses# listed in such Use Groups shall not be subject to the location restrictions of this Section.

32-423 - Additional environmental standards for certain uses

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Where #commercial uses# are located either on the same #story# as #dwelling units#, or on a higher #story#, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Section [32-421](#) and [32-422](#), the provisions of this Section shall apply to #uses# listed in Use Group VI, as set forth in Section [32-16](#) (Use Group VI – Retail and Services), inclusive, #uses# listed in Use Group VIII, as set forth in Section [32-18](#) (Use Group VIII – Recreation, Entertainment and Assembly Spaces), inclusive, #uses# listed in Use Group IX, as set forth in Section [32-19](#) (Use Group IX - Storage) and #uses# listed in Use Group X, as set forth in Section [32-20](#) (Use Group X – Production Uses).

- (a) Air quality

Where a #use# listed in Use Group X is required to install an emission stack by Federal, State or Local law, such stack shall exhaust above the height of #building# containing such #use#, or above the height of the immediately adjacent #buildings#, whichever is higher.

- (b) Noise

Above the level of the first #story#, where the applicable #commercial# #uses# are located on the same #story# as a #dwelling unit# or a #story# higher than a #dwelling unit#, such #uses# shall either:

- (1) be separated from #dwelling units# by a horizontal or vertical distance of at least 15 feet and includes at least two wall or ceiling partitions, as applicable; or
- (2) provide attenuation that will result in a sound level below 42 dBA for daytime and 35 dBA for nighttime, as measured from the interior of the closest #dwelling units#. Such measurement shall be verified by an acoustical

engineer prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the Department of Buildings.

(c) Vibration

Above the level of the first #story#, where the applicable #commercial# #uses# are located on the same #story# as a #dwelling unit# or a #story# higher than a #dwelling unit#, such #uses# shall be subject to the provisions of Section [42-22](#) (Performance Standards Regulating Vibration) for an M1 District, except that the measurements for maximum vibration displacements shall be measured within the #building# instead of at the #lot line#. Such measurement shall be verified by a vibration or acoustical engineer prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the Department of Buildings.