Zoning Resolution

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22-20 - SIGN REGULATIONS

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22-21 - Definitions

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Words in italics are defined in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS) or, if applicable exclusively to this Section, in this Section.

22-22 - Permitted Non-illuminated Accessory Signs

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In all districts, as indicated, non-#illuminated# #accessory# #signs# are permitted as set forth in this Section, subject to the provisions of Section 22-24 (Additional Regulations).

22-221 - Nameplates or identification signs

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(a) For all #buildings# containing #residences#, one nameplate, with an area not exceeding one square foot and indicating only the name or address of the occupant or a permitted occupation, is permitted for each #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#.

(b) For multiple dwellings, including #apartment hotels#, or for permitted #non-residential# #buildings or other structures# exclusive of hospitals and related facilities, one identification #sign#, with an area not exceeding 12 square feet and indicating only the name of the permitted #use#, the name or address of the #building#, or the name of the management thereof, is permitted. For #community facility# #uses#, except hospitals and related facilities, a bulletin board, with an area not exceeding 16 square feet, is also permitted. For any #sign# on awnings or canopies, the height of letters on any side of such awnings or canopies shall not exceed 12 inches.

(c) For hospitals and related facilities, any number of identification or directional #signs# are permitted, provided the total #surface area# in square feet of all such #signs# shall not exceed 25 square feet on any one #street# frontage or 15 percent of such #street# frontage in feet, whichever is less. However, for #zoning lots# with more than one #building# that fronts upon the same #street#, each such #building# shall be permitted a #surface area# of 25 square feet. In addition to the aforementioned #signs#, either one directory or bulletin board, or combination thereof, is permitted, not to exceed 50 square feet.

22-222 - "For sale" or "for rent" signs

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"For sale" or "for rent" #signs#, with an area not exceeding 12 square feet, are permitted. If located on vacant land, such a #sign# shall not be within 15 feet of the #street line#, nor within six feet of any other #lot line#.

22-223 - Signs for parking areas

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One #sign#, with an area not exceeding two square feet, designating each entrance to or exit from an off-street parking area, open or enclosed, is permitted. No such #sign# shall be higher than seven feet above #curb level#.

In addition, an off-street parking facility that contains #car sharing vehicles# may provide #signs# that in the aggregate total no more than two square feet in area identifying organizations that have #car sharing vehicles# available at such parking area. No such #sign# shall be located higher than seven feet above #curb level#.

22-23 - Signs on Lots Containing Certain Community Facilities

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22-231 - Permitted illuminated accessory signs for hospitals and related facilities

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In all districts, as indicated, for hospitals and related facilities, #illuminated# non-#flashing# #accessory# #signs# are permitted in all districts, subject to Section 22-24 (Additional Regulations). Any number of #illuminated# non-#flashing# identification or directional #signs# are permitted, provided that the total #surface area# in square feet of said #illuminated# #signs# or the combined total #surface area# in square feet of the #illuminated# and non-#illuminated# identification or directional #signs# does not exceed 25 square feet on any one #street# frontage or 15 percent of such #street# frontage in feet, whichever is less, and provided further that the Commissioner of Buildings determines that such #signs# are so located as to cause a minimum amount of light to be projected onto abutting or adjacent #residences#. However, for #zoning lots# with more than one #building# that front upon the same #street#, each such #building# shall be permitted a #surface area# of 25 square feet.

In addition to #illuminated# or non-#illuminated# #accessory# #signs#, one illuminated non-flashing directory or bulletin board or combination thereof is permitted in lieu of a non-illuminated directory or bulletin board or combination thereof provided that the total #sign# area does not exceed 50 square feet and provided further that the Commissioner of Buildings determines that such #sign# is so located as to minimize the amount of light projected on the abutting or adjacent #residences#.

22-232 - Flags, banners or pennants on lots containing certain community facilities

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In all districts, as indicated, flags, banners or pennants other than those that are #advertising signs#, located on any #zoning lot# used primarily for #community facility# #uses# of a civic, philanthropic, educational or religious nature, are permitted without limitation.

22-24 - Additional Regulations

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In all districts as indicated, any #sign# permitted under the provisions of Sections 22-22 (Permitted Non-illuminated Accessory Signs) and 22-231 (Permitted illuminated accessory signs for hospitals and related facilities) shall conform to the regulations set forth in this Section.

22-241 - Projecting signs

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No #sign# shall project across a #street line# more than 12 inches.

22-242 - Height of signs

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No #sign# shall extend above the ground floor ceiling, or more than 20 feet above #curb level#, whichever is less.

22-25 - Number of Signs

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Except as otherwise provided in Sections 22-22 (Permitted Non-illuminated Accessory Signs) or 22-231 (Permitted illuminated accessory signs for hospitals and related facilities), not more than one #sign# is permitted for each #use#, #building# or #dwelling unit#, and not more than two #signs# for each professional office. On a #corner lot# or #through lot#, one #sign# (or for professional offices, two #signs#) is permitted on each #street#.

22-26 - Advertising Signs on Waterways

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No moving or stationary "advertising sign" shall be displayed on a vessel plying waterways adjacent to #Residence Districts# and within view from an arterial highway. For the purposes of this Section, arterial highways shall include all highways that are shown on the Master Plan of Arterial Highways and Major Streets as "principal routes," "parkways" or "toll crossings" and that have been designated by the City Planning Commission as arterial highways to which the provisions of this Section shall apply.

For the purposes of this Section "advertising sign" is a sign that directs attention to a profession, business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than upon the premises of the vessel and is not #accessory# to a #use# on such vessel.