Zoning Resolution

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For the purposes of Section 11-33, relating to Building Permits Issued before Effective Date of Amendment to this Resolution, the following terms and general provisions shall apply:

(a) A lawfully issued building permit shall be a building permit which is based on an approved application showing complete plans and specifications, authorizes the entire construction and not merely a part thereof, and is issued prior to any applicable amendment to this Resolution. In case of dispute as to whether an application includes "complete plans and specifications" as required in this Section, the Commissioner of Buildings shall determine whether such requirement has been met.

(b) The rights set forth in these Sections shall be retained only if all modifications, made in such plans after the effective date of any applicable amendment to this Resolution, do not create a new #non-compliance# or #non-conformity# or increase the degree of #non-compliance# or #non-conformity# with the provisions of this Resolution, as amended.

(c) As used in Section 11-33 (Building Permits for Minor or Major Development or Other Construction Issued before Effective Date of Amendment):

(1) "minor development" shall include:

(i) construction of any single #building# which will be #non-conforming# or #non-complying# under the provisions of any applicable amendment to this Resolution; or

(ii) construction of two or more #buildings# on a single #zoning lot# which under the provisions of any applicable amendment to this Resolution will be #non-conforming#; or

(iii) construction of two or more #buildings# on contiguous #zoning lots# or #zoning lots# which would be contiguous except for their separation by a #street# or #street# intersection; and

(a) have been planned as a unit evidenced by a site plan for all such #zoning lots# filed with, and approved by, the Department of Buildings prior to the effective date of the applicable amendment; and

(b) will be #non-conforming# under the provisions of any applicable amendment to this Resolution; or

(iv) a major #enlargement#, which is an #enlargement# requiring the installation of foundations and involving at least 50 percent of the total #floor area# of such #enlarged building#, and which #enlargement# will be #non-conforming# or #non-complying# under the provisions of any applicable amendment to this Resolution. For the purposes of Section 11-33 (Building Permits for Minor or Major Development or Other Construction Issued before Effective Date of Amendment) only, a major #enlargement# shall also include any other #enlargement# adding at least 50,000 square feet to the #floor area# of an existing #building#, which #enlargement# will be #non-conforming# or #non-complying# under the provisions of any applicable amendment to this Resolution.

(2) "major development" shall include:

(i) construction of two or more #buildings# on a single #zoning lot# which will be #non-complying# under the provisions of any applicable amendment to this

Resolution; or

(ii) construction of two or more #buildings# on contiguous #zoning lots# or #zoning lots# which would be contiguous except for their separation by a #street# or #street# intersection; and

(a) have been planned as a unit evidenced by a site plan for all such #zoning lots# filed with, and approved by, the Department of Buildings prior to the effective date of the applicable amendment; and

(b) will be #non-complying# under the provisions of any applicable amendment to this Resolution.

(3) "Other construction" shall include:

(i) any #enlargement# other than a major #enlargement#; or

(ii) any #extension#, #conversion# or structural alteration; or

(iii) construction of any structure other than a #building#;

which will be #non-conforming# or #non-complying# under the provisions of any applicable amendment to this Resolution.