



## **Zoning Resolution**

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
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**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
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# **64-622 - Special open area regulations for non-complying buildings**

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The following provisions may apply to #non-complying# #buildings or other structures#.

(a) Relocation allowances

#Non-complying# #buildings or other structures# may continue an existing #non-compliance#, increase the degree of an existing #non-compliance#, or create a new #non-compliance# with #yards#, #open space#, #open space ratio#, #lot coverage#, #courts#, minimum distances between two or more #buildings#, or minimum distances between #legally required windows# and walls or #lot lines#, in order to relocate or alter the footprint of the #building#, provided that:

- (1) the resulting #lot coverage# shall be less than or equal to that of the pre-existing #building or other structure# as it existed prior to the alteration, #enlargement#, relocation or reconstruction work or the amount permitted by the district, as applicable, whichever is greater, except that, where the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section are utilized, the #first story above the flood elevation# and any #stories# below, may be exempted from such calculation;
- (2) a new or increased #non-compliance# into an open area shall not exceed a horizontal distance of five feet, as measured perpendicular to the outermost edge of the #non-complying# #building or other structure#, as it existed prior to the alteration, #enlargement#, relocation or reconstruction work, except that such limitation shall not

apply:

- (i) where the pre-existing #building or other structure# is located either partially or entirely seaward of the #shoreline#, and such #building or other structure# will be altered, #enlarged#, relocated or reconstructed to be repositioned landward of the #shoreline# on the same #zoning lot#; or
    - (ii) where additional distance is necessary to accommodate access, including stairs, ramps or lifts in a required #yard#, provided that any additional encroachment is limited to the depth of such access;
  - (3) any new or increased #non-compliance# shall not result in an open area of:
    - (i) less than five feet between the wall of a #building or other structure# and a #rear lot line#;
    - (ii) less than three feet between the wall of a #building or other structure# and a #front lot line#, in districts with #front yard# requirements; and
    - (iii) three feet between the wall of a #building or other structure# and a #side lot line# for #detached buildings# in districts that do not allow #zero lot line buildings#; and
  - (4) the height of #buildings or other structures# within #non-complying# #yards# or #open space#, as measured from the #reference plane#, shall not exceed the height set forth in paragraph (a) of Section [64-623](#) (Special height regulations for non-complying buildings).
- (b) Allowances for horizontal expansions

The #first story above the flood elevation# and #stories# located below such #story#, may create a new #non-compliance# with, or increase the degree of existing #non-compliance# with the applicable #rear yards#, #open space#, #open space ratio#, or #lot coverage# regulations for the district, provided that:

- (1) the increased #lot coverage# does not exceed an additional 20 percent of such #lot coverage# permitted by Section [23-361](#) (Maximum lot coverage in R1 through R5 Districts);
- (2) for #single-# or #two-family residences#, the encroachment into a #rear yard# does not result in a #rear yard# with a depth of less than 10 feet; and
- (3) in all districts, the encroachment into a required open area does not exceed a height of 15 feet, as measured from the #first story above the flood elevation#.

Nothing in this Section shall affect the permitted obstruction allowances set forth by the district regulations.