Zoning Resolution

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91-30 - HEIGHT AND SETBACK AND LOT COVERAGE REGULATIONS

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LAST AMENDED
4/30/2003

For all #buildings or other structures# in the #Special Lower Manhattan District#, the height and setback regulations of the underlying districts are superseded by the regulations of this Section.

The height of all #buildings or other structures# shall be measured from #curb level#.

91-31 - Street Wall Regulations

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12/5/2024

For the purposes of applying the #street wall# regulations of this Section, #developments# shall include alterations and #enlargements# that change the height, width or location of a #street wall#.

All portions of #buildings or other structures# located above the maximum base heights specified in paragraph (a) of this Section shall provide a setback in accordance with the regulations of Section 91-32 (Setback Regulations).

(a) Within the Special District, the maximum base height shall be 85 feet or 1.5 times the width of the #street# upon which the #building# fronts, whichever is greater, except as provided for the following types of #street wall# regulations:

(1) #Street wall# regulations: Type 1

For #developments# that front upon a #street# indicated as "Type 1" on Map 2 (Street Wall Continuity Types 1, 2A, 2B and 3) in Appendix A, #street walls# shall extend along the entire #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# not occupied by existing #buildings# to remain, to a minimum base height of 150 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. The maximum base height shall be 250 feet.

(2) #Street wall# regulations: Type 2A

For #developments# that front upon a #street# indicated as "Type 2A" on Map 2 in Appendix A, #street walls# shall extend along such entire #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# not occupied by existing #buildings# to remain, to a minimum base height of 85 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. The maximum base height shall be 150 feet.

(3) #Street wall# regulations: Type 2B

For #developments# that front upon a #street# indicated as "Type 2B" on Map 2 in Appendix A, #street walls# shall extend along at least 60 percent of such #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# not occupied by existing #buildings# to remain, to a minimum base height of 85 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. The maximum base height shall be 150 feet.

(4) #Street wall# regulations: Type 3

For #developments# that front upon a #street# indicated as "Type 3" on Map 2 in Appendix A, #street walls# shall extend along the entire #street# frontage of the #zoning

lot# not occupied by existing #buildings# to remain, to a minimum base height of 60 feet, five stories, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. The maximum base height shall be 85 feet or 1.5 times the width of the #street# upon which the #building# fronts, whichever is greater.

(5) #Street wall# regulations: Type 4

For #developments# that front upon a #street# within the Historic and Commercial Core, indicated as "Type 4" on Map 3 (Street Wall Continuity Types 4 and 5) in Appendix A, the maximum base height shall be 100 feet.

(6) #Street wall# regulations: Type 5

For #developments# that front upon a #street# indicated as "Type 5" on Map 3 in Appendix A, no setbacks are required for any portion of a #building#.

(b) For #developments# that front upon a #street# indicated as "Type 1" or "Type 2A," at least 70 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# shall be located on such #street line#. For #developments# that front upon a #street# indicated as "Type 2B," at least 60 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# shall be located within 10 feet of such #street line#. For #developments# that front upon a #street# indicated as "Type 3," at least 70 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# shall be located within 10 feet of such #street line#. The remaining 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be located beyond such #street lines#, provided that:

(1) for #street walls# associated with the #residential# or #community facility portion of a #building#, any such recesses deeper than 10 feet along a #wide street# or 15 feet along a #narrow street# are located within an #outer court#; and

(2) where recessed areas are pedestrian circulation spaces, the requirements of Section 37-50, inclusive, shall be applied.

(c) When a #building# fronts on two intersecting #streets# for which different maximum base heights are specified, the higher maximum base height may wrap around to the #street# with the lower maximum base height for a distance along the #street line# of 100 feet. However, "Type 5" #street walls# shall not be permitted to wrap around to the intersecting #street#.

(d) Arcades and sidewalk widenings that meet the design standards of Section 37-53 (Design Standards for Pedestrian Circulation Spaces) shall be permitted along any #street# indicated as "Type 1," "Type 2A" or "Type 3," pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this Section, provided such arcade or sidewalk widening extends along the entire #block# frontage or abuts another arcade, existing on August 27, 1998, of equal width and height or another sidewalk widening of equal width. In such case, the #street wall# requirements for paragraph (b) of this Section shall be measured from the permitted arcade or sidewalk widening.

(e) The articulation allowances set forth in paragraph (d) of Section 35-631 may be applied in modifying the #street wall# location provisions of this Section.

91-32 - Setback Regulations

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2/2/2011

In accordance with the provisions of Section 91-31 (Street Wall Regulations), setbacks are required for any portion of a #building or other structure# that exceeds the maximum base heights specified for the applicable #street# in Section 91-31.

Required setbacks shall be provided at a height not lower than any minimum base height or 60 feet where none is specified and not higher than any maximum base height specified for the applicable #street# in Section 91-31. The depth of the setback shall be determined by the #lot area# of the #zoning lot#, as shown in the following table:

REQUIRED DEPTH OF SETBACKS

#Lot area# of #zoning lot#	Minimum setback depth
Less than 15,000 square feet	10 feet
15,001 to 30,000 square feet	15 feet
Greater than 30,000 square feet	20 feet

For "Type 1" and "Type 2A and 2B" #street walls#, the required setbacks shall be measured from the #street line#.

For "Type 3" #street walls#, the required setbacks shall be measured from a line drawn at or parallel to the #street line# so that at least 70 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# of the #building# at the minimum base height are within such line and the #street line#.

For all other #street walls#, the required setbacks shall be measured from a line drawn at, or parallel to, the #street line# so that at least 50 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# of the #building# at the minimum base height are within such drawn line and the #street line#. However, setbacks are not required for #street walls# fronting upon the major portion of a bonused #public plaza#.

For #buildings# within the Historic and Commercial Core as shown on Map 1 in Appendix A, any #building# or portion of a #building# may be located within the required setback area beneath a #sky exposure plane# that rises from a height of 100 feet above the #street line# over the #zoning lot# at a vertical distance of six to a horizontal distance of one.

91-33 - Lot Coverage Regulations

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2/2/2011

Above the maximum base height specified in Section 91-31 (Street Wall Regulations), up to a height of 300 feet, the maximum #lot coverage# of any #zoning lot# shall be 65 percent. Above a height of 300 feet, the maximum #lot coverage# of any #zoning lot# shall be 50 percent.

However, within the Historic and Commercial Core, above the maximum base height specified in Section 91-31, up to a height of 300 feet, the maximum #lot coverage# of any #zoning lot# shall be 75 percent. Above a height of 300 feet, the maximum #lot coverage# of any #zoning lot# shall be 60 percent.

For #buildings# fronting on more than one #street# where different maximum base heights are specified, the maximum #lot coverage# regulations specified in this Section shall apply at horizontal planes at heights corresponding to the different maximum base heights. The #lot coverage# at the level of the lowest plane shall apply to the portion of a #zoning lot# located beyond 100 feet from any #street# with a higher maximum base height. The #lot coverage# at the level of each subsequent higher plane shall apply to the portion of the #zoning lot# located beyond 100 feet from any #street# with a higher maximum base height, and shall also include those portions of the #zoning lot# where lower base heights apply. The highest horizontal plane shall be established over the entire #zoning lot#.

91-34 - Maximum Horizontal Dimension for Tall Buildings

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For any portion of a #building# above a height of 300 feet, the maximum horizontal dimension, measured in any direction, shall not exceed 175 feet

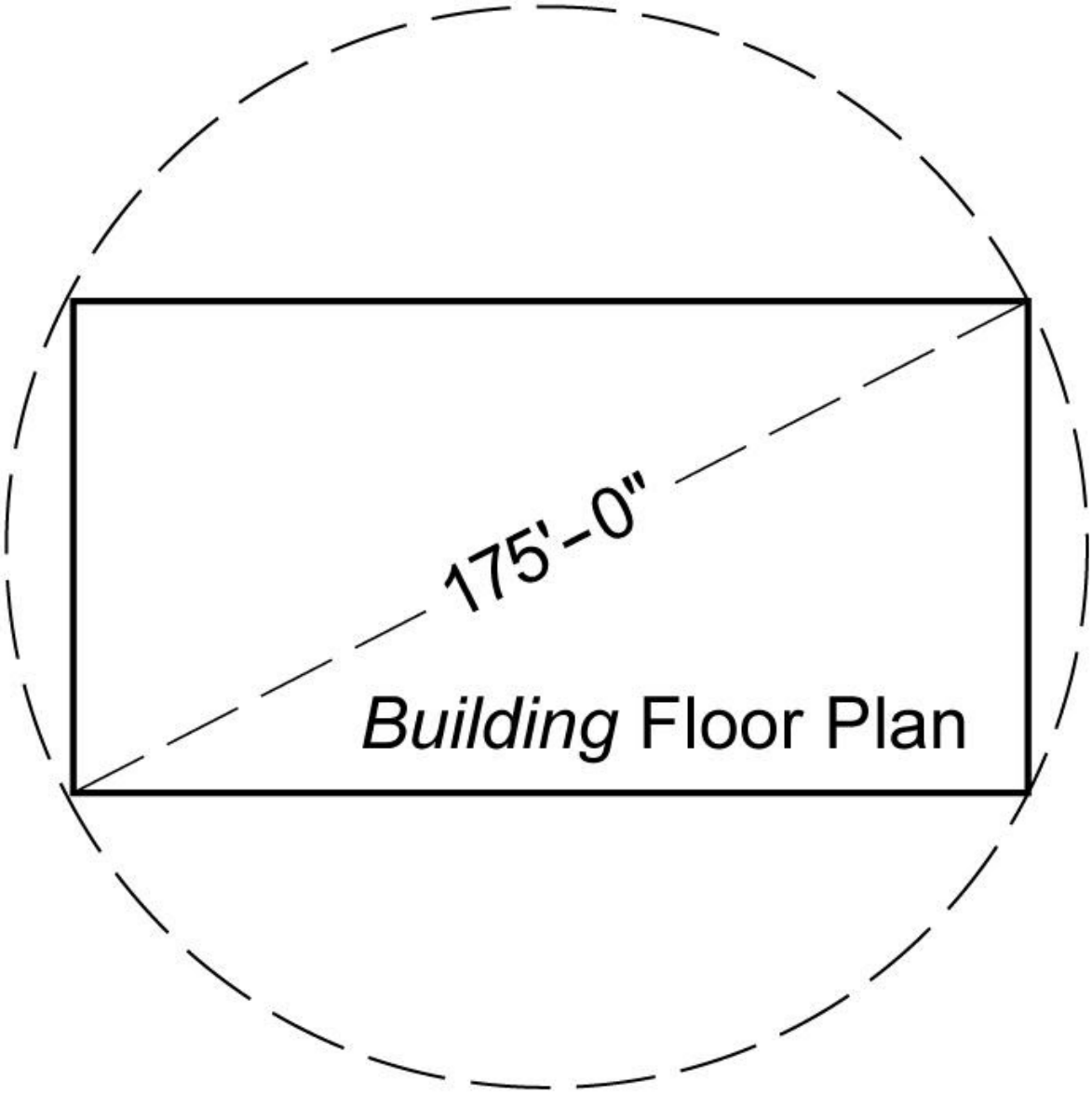

Diagram of Maximum Horizontal Dimension

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91-35 - Modification of Street Wall, Setback, Lot Coverage and Maximum Horizontal Dimension Regulations

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The City Planning Commission, by special permit, may modify:

(a) the #street wall# requirements and minimum base heights of Section 91-31 (Street Wall Regulations);

(b) the setback requirements of Section 91-32; and

(c) where such #zoning lots# contain #buildings# existing on December 15, 1961, that exceed a height of 300 feet, the #lot coverage# regulations of Section 91-33 and the maximum horizontal dimension set forth in Section 91-34 (Maximum Horizontal Dimension for Tall Buildings), provided such modifications are limited to that portion of the #development# or #enlargement# between 300 and 325 feet in height, and provided the #lot coverage# of such portion does not exceed 55 percent.

In order to grant such special permit, the Commission shall find that:

(1) such modifications will result in a site plan consistent with existing scale and streetscape patterns;

(2) such modifications will ensure a harmonious relationship between the #development# or #enlargement# and the surrounding area;

(3) such #street wall# modifications will enhance pedestrian circulation by providing pedestrian amenities that relieve sidewalk congestion;

(4) such setback, #lot coverage# or horizontal dimension modifications will not unduly obstruct access to light and air to surrounding #streets# and properties; and

(5) such setback, #lot coverage# or horizontal dimension modifications will result in a built form that maintains an appropriate relationship between tower and base portions of the #development# or #enlargement#.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.