



Zoning Resolution

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- (a) In R8 Districts, other than R8A Districts, in Western Subarea C2, including #Commercial Districts# mapped within such R8 Districts, the following special regulations shall apply:
- (1) the provisions of Sections [96-101](#) (Floor area regulations) and [96-104](#) (Height and setback regulations); and
 - (2) the provisions of Section [96-102](#) (Lot coverage regulations), except that for all portions of a #zoning lot# located in Other Areas and more than 100 feet from the #street line# of a #wide street#, the maximum #lot coverage# shall not exceed 70 percent of the portion of the #zoning lot# in Other Areas.
- (b) In R8A Districts in Western Subarea C2, including #Commercial Districts# mapped within such R8A Districts, the following special regulations shall apply:
- (1) Inclusionary Housing Program
 - (i) R8A Districts in Other Areas, west of Tenth Avenue, shall be #Inclusionary Housing designated areas#, pursuant to Section [12-10](#) (DEFINITIONS), for the purpose of making the Inclusionary Housing Program regulations of Section [23-90](#), inclusive, applicable as modified within the Special District.

Within such #Inclusionary Housing designated areas#, the maximum #floor area ratio# for any #zoning lot# containing a #residential use# shall not exceed a base #floor area ratio# of 5.4, except that such base #floor area ratio# may be increased to a maximum #floor area ratio# of 7.2 through the provision of #affordable housing#, pursuant to the provisions relating to #Inclusionary Housing designated areas# in Sections [23-154](#) and [23-90](#). However, any units for which a #floor area# increase has been earned, pursuant to Section [23-154](#) shall be located within the #Special Clinton District#.

- (ii) Optional provisions for #affordable housing#

For #developments# or #enlargements# located within the #blocks# bounded by West 51st Street, Eleventh Avenue, West 53rd Street and Tenth Avenue, the special optional regulations as set forth in paragraph (b) (1)(ii) of this Section, may modify the provisions of Section [23-154](#).

The #residential# #floor area# of a #development# or #enlargement# may be increased by 0.833 square feet for each one square foot of #moderate income floor area#, or by 0.625 square feet for each one square foot of #middle income floor area#, provided that for each square foot of such #floor area compensation#, there is one square foot of #floor area compensation#, pursuant to Section [23-154](#). However, the amount of #affordable housing# required to receive such #floor area compensation# need not exceed the amounts specified as follows. If #affordable housing# is provided for both #low income# and #moderate income households#, the amount of #moderate income floor area# need not exceed 15 percent of the total #floor area#, exclusive of ground floor non-#residential# #floor area#, on the #zoning lot#, provided that the amount of #low income floor area# is at least 10 percent of the total #floor area#, exclusive of ground floor non-#residential# #floor area#, on the #zoning lot#. If #affordable housing# is provided for both #low income# and #middle income households#, the amount of #middle income floor area# need not exceed 20 percent of the total #floor area#, exclusive of ground floor non-#residential floor area#, on the #zoning lot#, provided that the amount of #low income floor area# is at least 10 percent of the total #floor area#, exclusive of ground floor non-#residential# #floor area#, on the #zoning lot#.

For the purposes of this paragraph (b)(1)(ii), #low income floor area# may be considered #moderate income floor area# or #middle income floor area#, and #moderate income floor area# may be considered #middle income floor area#.

(2) Special #use# and #bulk# regulations for existing electrical utility substations

Electrical utility substations listed under Use Group IV(B) operated for public utility purposes, existing on June 14, 2011, and located wholly or partially within the portion of Western Subarea C2 east of Eleventh Avenue, shall be considered conforming #uses# that are subject to the #bulk# regulations of the underlying district and the #use# regulations of an M1-5 District. Any change of #use# on a #zoning lot# occupied by any such electrical utility substation shall be permitted only pursuant to the regulations of the underlying district. In the event any such electrical utility substation is damaged or destroyed, in whole or in part, by any means, including demolition, the provisions of Section [54-40](#) (DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION IN NON-COMPLYING BUILDINGS) shall not apply and such electrical utility substation may be reconstructed, provided that such reconstruction shall not create a new #non-compliance# nor increase the degree of #non-compliance# with the applicable #bulk# regulations. However, in the event there is a complete cessation of #use# of the #zoning lot# as an electrical utility substation for a continuous period of five years, such electrical utility substation shall no longer be considered a conforming #use# on such #zoning lot#.