



Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Eric Adams, Mayor

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Daniel R. Garodnick, Chair

97-30 - SPECIAL SIGN REGULATIONS

File generated by <https://zr.planning.nyc.gov> on 7/25/2025

97-30 - SPECIAL SIGN REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED

4/30/2008

#Signs# for all #uses# within the #Special 125th Street District# shall be subject to the applicable #sign# requirements in Section [32-60](#), inclusive, subject to the modifications of Sections [97-31](#) through [97-34](#), inclusive.

#Marquee signs# for an arts #use# may be combined, subject to the requirements of Section [32-641](#) (Total surface area of signs).

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Section, [97-30](#), inclusive, and other regulations of the Administrative Code, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply.

97-31 - Definitions

LAST AMENDED

12/19/2017

Marquee

A “marquee” is a permanent structure or canopy located above the primary entrance to an arts #use# fronting on 125th Street or Fifth Avenue, that projects over the sidewalk and is attached to, and entirely supported from, the #street wall# of the #building#. The location and dimensions of the #marquee# shall be determined by the requirements of Section [97-32](#).

All #marquees# shall comply with the construction and maintenance requirements of Title 27, Subchapter 4, Article 9, of the New York City Building Code, or its successor, pertaining to projecting #signs#.

Marquee sign

A “marquee sign” is a #sign#, other than an #advertising sign#, mounted on a #marquee# that identifies the arts #use# and provides informational displays about such #use#.

97-32 - Location, Height and Width of Marquees and Marquee Signs

LAST AMENDED

6/6/2024

For the purposes of this Chapter, #marquees# shall be permitted only above the primary entrance to one of the following #uses# fronting upon 125th Street or Fifth Avenue:

From Use Group III

Museums

From Use Group VIII

Art, music, dancing or theatrical studios

Theaters

#Marquees# shall project over the sidewalk no more than 15 feet from the #lot line# and shall be no nearer to the curb than two feet.

(a) Height of #marquees#

The minimum height of a #marquee# or a #marquee sign# shall be three feet; the maximum height for such structure and #sign# shall be five feet. No part of a #marquee# or a #marquee sign# shall be located at a height higher than three feet below any floor containing a #residential use#.

(b) Width of #marquees#

The width of a #marquee# or a #marquee sign# shall be no greater than 50 percent of the width of the #building# frontage to which it is attached or 40 feet, whichever is less.

97-33 - Vertical Distance Above Sidewalk of Marquees and Marquee Signs

LAST AMENDED

4/30/2008

The minimum vertical distance from the sidewalk for a #marquee# shall be 12 feet; the maximum vertical distance above the sidewalk for such #marquee# shall be 20 feet.

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of Section [32-653](#) (Additional regulations for projecting signs), additional #signs# may be displayed on a #marquee#, provided such #sign# is no more than two feet above the #marquee#.

No #marquee# or #marquee sign# shall be located at a height higher than three feet below any floor containing a #residential use#.

97-34 - Accessory Signs for Visual or Performing Arts Uses

LAST AMENDED

6/6/2024

Notwithstanding the regulations of paragraph (b) of Section [32-653](#) (Additional regulations for projecting signs) and the relevant provisions of the Administrative Code, only the following visual or performing arts #uses# fronting on 125th Street or Fifth Avenue within the #Special 125th Street District# shall be permitted to erect a #marquee sign# on or above a #marquee#:

From Use Group III

Museums

From Use Group VIII

Art, music, dancing or theatrical studios

Theaters.

#Flashing signs# shall not be permitted as #accessory# #signs# for arts #uses#.