



Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
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81-14 - Modification of Sign and Frontage Regulations in the Fifth Avenue Subdistrict

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LAST AMENDED

4/28/1988

81-141 - Special sign regulations

LAST AMENDED

6/23/2005

(a) For all existing and new #uses# in the Fifth Avenue Subdistrict, #signs# shall not be permitted on the exterior of any #building# below a level of 10 feet above #curb level#. The aggregate #surface area# of all #signs# in ground floor windows is restricted to not more than one-third of the window area.

Any #sign# that does not comply with the provisions of this paragraph, (a), shall be terminated, except that a #sign# which the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission certifies is an integral part of the #building#, shall not be required to terminate.

(b) In a C5-3 District within the Fifth Avenue Subdistrict, the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission may, by certification, modify the requirements of Section [32-655](#) (Height of signs in all other Commercial Districts), to allow a single non-#illuminated sign# per #building#, other than an #advertising sign#, to be located at a height between 25 and 50 feet above #curb level#, provided that the permitted #sign# shall:

- (1) be limited to one name and/or address of the #building# or the name of an establishment located therein, consisting only of individual letters and/or numbers not exceeding 18 inches in height;
- (2) not be within a frame, a border, or any kind of background other than the #building# facade;
- (3) not project more than three inches from the facade of the #building#; and
- (4) not exceed 25 square feet in aggregate #surface area#.

(c) On any #zoning lot# occupied by a landmark designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission which lies partially or wholly within the Fifth Avenue Subdistrict, the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission may, by certification, modify the applicable #sign# regulations of Section [32-60](#) to permit #illuminated signs# on the open area of the #zoning lot#, provided that such #signs# shall:

- (1) be a re-creation of historic #signs# and that the Landmarks Preservation Commission has issued a Certificate of Appropriateness or other permit for such #signs#;
- (2) not exceed a #surface area# of 12 square feet per #sign#; and
- (3) not project across a #street line#.

81-142 - Special frontage regulations

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

- (a) Transparency requirement

On #wide street# frontages in underlying C5 Districts, at least 50 percent of a #building's# #street wall# surface shall be glazed and transparent at the ground floor level, and not more than 50 percent of such transparent surface shall be painted. For the purpose of the glazing requirements, the #building's# #street wall# surface at the ground floor level shall be measured from the floor to the height of the ceiling or 14 feet above grade, whichever is less.

(b) Banners or pennants

The display of banners or pennants from the exterior of any #building# in an underlying C5 District is prohibited.