



Zoning Resolution

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81-41 - General Provisions

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LAST AMENDED

8/9/2017

The provisions of Section [81-40](#) (MANDATORY DISTRICT PLAN ELEMENTS) specify mandatory planning and urban design features. Requirements which apply generally or with minor specified exceptions throughout the #Special Midtown District# are fully set forth in the provisions of Section [81-40](#). For requirements which are not generally applicable but tied to specific locations within the District, the locations where these requirements apply are shown on Map 3 (Retail and Street Wall Continuity) or Map 4 (Subway Station and Rail Mass Transit Facility Improvement Areas) in Appendix A of this Chapter.

The provisions of Section [81-40](#) are all primarily oriented toward the accommodation and well-being of pedestrians. The requirements pertain to a number of elements which are interrelated and complement one another but are set forth in different sections because they can be treated separately. Sections [81-42](#) (Retail Continuity Along Designated Streets), [81-43](#) (Street Wall Continuity Along Designated Streets) and [81-44](#) (Curb Cut Restrictions) are a group of sections with closely related purposes concerned with amenity and the well-being and safety of pedestrians. Sections [81-45](#) to [81-48](#), inclusive, are all concerned primarily with pedestrian traffic circulation. Major #building# entrances are focal points of heavy pedestrian traffic, so that controls on the locations of these entrances, as set forth in Section [81-48](#), are closely related to the pedestrian circulation space requirements.

Special district plan requirements for the Penn Center Subdistrict are set forth in Section [81-50](#), for the East Midtown Subdistrict are set forth in Section [81-60](#), for the Theater Subdistrict are set forth in Section [81-70](#), for the Fifth Avenue Subdistrict are set forth in Section [81-80](#) and for the Preservation Subdistrict are set forth in Section [81-90](#).

81-411 - Maintenance of pedestrian circulation spaces

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

Owners of property on which pedestrian circulation spaces are provided shall be responsible for their maintenance unless, in the case of relocated subway stairs, the Metropolitan Transit Authority has agreed in writing to such maintenance responsibility.

81-412 - Directional signs

LAST AMENDED

5/13/1982

Directional *#signs#* are required to call attention to relocated subway stairs and through *#block#* connections and announce their accessibility to the public.

81-413 - Provisions for persons with disabilities

LAST AMENDED

10/17/2007

All mandatory district plan elements required by the provisions of Section [81-45](#) (Pedestrian Circulation Space) shall conform with applicable laws pertaining to access for persons with disabilities.