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131-40 - HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS

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The underlying height and setback regulations shall apply except as modified in this Section, inclusive. The height of all #buildings or other structures# shall be measured from the #base plane#.

131-41 - Rooftop Regulations

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Within the #Special Coney Island District#, the provisions of Section 33-42 (Permitted Obstructions) shall apply to any #building or other structure#. In addition, a dormer shall be allowed as a permitted obstruction pursuant to paragraph (b) of Section 23-413 (Permitted obstructions in certain districts).

131-42 - Coney East Subdistrict

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The regulations of this Section, inclusive, shall apply to all #buildings or other structures# in the Coney East Subdistrict. #Street wall# location rules and maximum base height rules shall apply only to

#buildings#. Maximum heights shall apply to all #buildings or other structures#.

For the purposes of applying the height and setback regulations of this Section, Jones Walk shall not be considered a #street#. Maps 4 (Street Wall Location) and 5 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights) in the Appendix to this Chapter, illustrate the #street wall# location provisions and minimum and maximum base height provisions of this Section.

A #building or other structure# that exceeds a height limit shall be permitted where the Chairperson of the Department of City Planning certifies to the Department of Buildings that such additional height is necessary to accommodate an amusement #use# listed in Use Group A1.

131-421 - Coney East Subdistrict, south side of Surf Avenue

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The following regulations shall apply along the south side of Surf Avenue and along those portions of #streets# intersecting Surf Avenue located north of a line drawn 50 feet north of and parallel to the northern #street line# of Bowery and its westerly prolongation.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# of a #building# shall be located within five feet of the #street line# and extend along the entire frontage of the #zoning lot#, except that:

(1) a sidewalk widening shall be required at the intersection of Surf Avenue and West 10th Street, extending from a point on the Surf Avenue #street line# 125 feet west of West 10th Street to a point on the West 10th Street #street line# 20 feet south of Surf Avenue. Such area shall be improved as a sidewalk to Department of Transportation

standards, be at the same level as the adjoining sidewalks, and be accessible to the public at all times. Such sidewalk widening line shall be considered a #street line# for the purposes of applying the #use# and height and setback regulations of this Chapter;

(2) to allow for corner articulation, the #street wall# may be located anywhere within an area bounded by intersecting #street lines# and lines 15 feet from and parallel to such #street lines# ; and

(3) to allow for portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building# base below a tower may be set back 10 feet from the #street line#, provided the width of such setback area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower, and provided such setback area complies with the provisions of Section 131-47 (Design Requirements for Ground Level Setbacks).

(b) #Building# base

(1) Surf Avenue, west of West 12th Street

West of West 12th Street, the #street wall# of a #building# shall rise without setback to a minimum base height of 35 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum base height of 45 feet. If a tower is provided, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (d) of this Section, the maximum base height shall be 65 feet. At a height no lower than the minimum base height and no higher than the maximum base height, a setback shall be required, pursuant to the provisions set forth in paragraph (c) of this Section.

Any portion of a #street wall# which exceeds a height of 60 feet shall be located within 150 feet of the intersection of two #street lines# and shall coincide with the location

of a tower. Towers shall comply with the location requirements of paragraph (d) of this Section.

(2) Surf Avenue, east of West 12th Street

East of West 12th Street, the #street wall# of a #building# shall rise without setback to a minimum base height of 35 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum base height of 45 feet. At a height no lower than the minimum base height and no higher than the maximum base height, a setback is required that shall comply with the provisions set forth in paragraph (d) of this Section.

For the base of any #building# located on the south side of Surf Avenue, above the level of the second #story#, up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed, provided no recesses are located within 15 feet of an adjacent #building# or within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, except where corner articulation is provided as set forth in paragraph (a)(3) of this Section.

(c) Transition height

All portions of a #building# that exceed the applicable maximum base height specified in paragraph (b) of this Section shall be set back from the #street line# at least 20 feet except that, where towers are provided, the minimum setback depth from the #street line# shall be 10 feet.

(1) West of West 12th Street

All portions of a #building# that exceed the maximum base height set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this Section shall comply with the tower provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section.

(2) East of West 12th Street

The maximum transition height shall be 65 feet, and all portions of #buildings# that exceed such height shall comply with the tower provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section, except that within 100 feet of Jones Walk on the easterly side, the maximum #building# height after the required setbacks shall be 85 feet.

(3) Special Regulations for Use Group A

The transition height regulations of paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this Section shall not apply to #buildings# that rise to a maximum height of 85 feet to accommodate a Use Group A #use# or to #buildings# where the Chairperson of the Department of City Planning certifies to the Department of Buildings that additional height is necessary to accommodate an amusement #use# listed in Use Group A1.

(d) Towers

All #stories# of a #building# located partially or wholly above a height of 65 feet shall be considered a "tower" and shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d).

(1) Maximum floorplate

Each #story# of a tower shall not exceed a gross area of 8,500 square feet.

(2) Maximum length and height

The outermost walls of all tower #stories# shall be inscribed within a rectangle, and no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 165 feet.

The maximum height of a #building# located between West 12th Street and Jones Walk shall be 150 feet between West 12th Street and Jones Walk. The maximum height of a #building# located between West 12th Street and West 16th Street on #zoning lots# with less than 50,000 square feet of #lot area# shall be 220 feet; on #zoning lots# with 50,000 square feet or more of #lot area#, the maximum height of a #building# shall be 270 feet. All towers that exceed a height of 150 feet shall provide articulation in accordance with Section 131-46.

(3) Tower location

All towers shall be located within 25 feet of Surf Avenue and entirely within 100 feet of an intersecting #street#.

131-422 - Coney East Subdistrict, north side of Surf Avenue

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Any #building or other structure# fronting upon the north side of Surf Avenue shall not exceed a height of 85 feet. Furthermore, in order to protect the view from the elevated subway to the Coney East Subdistrict, no portion of such #building or other structure#, including permitted obstructions or #signs#, shall be located between a height of five feet below the upper level of the elevated subway tracks and a level 25 feet above such level, except for a vertical circulation core, supporting structural elements and related appurtenances. In no event shall more than 30 percent of the Surf Avenue frontage of the #zoning lot# be obstructed with such elements.

131-423 - Along all other streets

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The following regulations shall apply along Wonder Wheel Way, Bowery, and all other #streets#, and portions thereof, located south of a line drawn 50 feet north of and parallel to the northern #street# line of Bowery and its westerly prolongation.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# of the #building#, or portion thereof, shall be located within five feet of the #street line#;

(b) Maximum height

The #street wall# of a #building#, or portion thereof, shall rise to a minimum height of 20 feet and a maximum height of 40 feet before setback. The maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be 60 feet, provided any portion of a #building# that exceeds a height of 40 feet shall be set back from the #street wall# of the #building# at least 20 feet.

West of West 12th Street, along the northern #street line# of Bowery, the maximum #building# height shall be 40 feet. If a tower is provided along the Surf Avenue portion of the #block#, 40 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may rise above the maximum #street wall# height of 40 feet, provided that such portion is located within 150 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#. However, where the portion of the #block# that fronts on Surf Avenue is #developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the special regulations for Use Group A in paragraph (c)(3) of Section 131-421 (Coney East Subdistrict, south side of Surf Avenue), the #street wall# may rise after a setback of 20 feet to a maximum height of 60 feet for the entire length of the Bowery #street line#, or may extend beyond the 40 percent of the

#aggregate width of street wall# for the length of the #street wall# of such Use Group A #development# or #enlargement# which fronts along Surf Avenue, whichever is less.

131-43 - Coney West Subdistrict

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The regulations of this Section shall apply to all #buildings or other structures# in the Coney West Subdistrict. Map 4 (Street Wall Location), Map 5 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights) and Map 6 (Coney West Subdistrict Transition Heights), in the Appendix to this Chapter, illustrate the #street wall# location provisions, minimum and maximum base height provisions and transition height provisions of this Section, inclusive. For the purposes of this Section, the "building line" shown on Parcel F shall be considered a #street line# of Ocean Way or Parachute Way, as indicated on such maps.

131-431 - Coney West District, Surf Avenue

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(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) Section 35-631 shall apply along Surf Avenue and along all #street# frontages within 50 feet of their intersection with Surf Avenue. To allow for portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building#

base below a tower may be set back 10 feet from a #street line#, provided the width of such setback area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower and provided such setback area complies with the provisions of Section 131-47 (Design Requirements for Ground Level Setbacks).

(b) #Building# base

A #street wall# fronting on Surf Avenue shall rise without setback to a minimum height of six #stories# or 65 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum height of eight #stories# or 85 feet, whichever is less, before a setback is required. However, on the #block# front bounded by West 21st Street and West 22nd Street, the minimum height of a #street wall# shall be 40 feet and the maximum height of a #street wall# shall be six #stories# or 65 feet, whichever is less, before a setback is required.

All portions of a #building or other structure# that exceed the maximum heights set forth in this paragraph, (b), shall be set back from the #street line# at least 10 feet. Such setback may be modified in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-433 (Standard setback regulations).

(c) Transition height

Above the maximum base height, a #street wall# may rise to a maximum transition height of nine #stories# or 95 feet, whichever is less, provided that such #street walls# are set back a minimum distance of 10 feet from the Surf Avenue #street line#. All portions of #buildings or other structures# that exceed a transition height of 95 feet shall comply with the tower provisions of Section 131-434 (Coney West Subdistrict towers).

131-432 - Along all other streets, other than Riegelmann Boardwalk

The following regulations shall apply along all other #streets# in the Coney West Subdistrict, except within 70 feet of Riegelmann Boardwalk.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (b) Section 35-631 shall apply and extend up to base heights as defined in this Section. To allow portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building# base below a tower may be set back 10 feet from the #street line#, provided the width of such setback area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower.

The entire area of the #zoning lot# between the #street line# and all #street walls# of the #building# and their prolongations shall be planted at ground level, or in raised planting beds that are permanently affixed to the ground, except that such plantings shall not be required at the entrances to and exits from the #building#, within driveways accessing off-street parking spaces located within, to the side, or rear of such #building#, or between #commercial# #uses# and the #street line#. No #zoning lot# shall be altered in any way that will either create a new non-compliance or increase the degree of non-compliance with the provisions of this Section.

(b) #Building# base

The #street wall# of a #building# base, or portion thereof, located beyond 100 feet of Surf Avenue, shall rise without setback to a minimum height of 40 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum height of six #stories# or 65 feet, whichever is less. All portions of a #building or other structure# that exceed a height of 65 feet shall be set back from the #street wall# at least 10 feet. Such setback may be modified in accordance with

the provisions of Section 23-433 (Standard setback regulations).

(c) Transition heights

Beyond 100 feet of Surf Avenue, a #street wall# may rise to a maximum transition height of nine #stories# or 95 feet, whichever is less, provided that:

(1) above the maximum base height, #street walls# are set back a minimum distance of 10 feet from the #street line#, except that for #blocks# north of the Ocean Way #street line#, along a minimum of one #street line# bounding the #block# (except for Surf Avenue), at least 40 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# shall remain open to the sky for a minimum depth of 100 feet from the #street line#;

(2) for #blocks# bounding the southern #street line# of Ocean Way, any portion of a #building or other structure# that exceeds a height of six #stories# or 65 feet, whichever is less, shall be located within 80 or 100 feet of a #street line#, as indicated on Map 6 in the Appendix to this Chapter;

(3) for portions of #buildings# higher than six #stories# or 65 feet that are within 100 feet of Riegelmann Boardwalk, each #story# within such portion shall provide a setback with a depth of at least 10 feet, measured from the south-facing wall of the #story# directly below.

A #building or other structure# may exceed such transition heights only in accordance with the tower provisions of Section 131-434.

131-433 - Riegelmann Boardwalk and building line of Parcel F

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A #street wall# shall be located on Riegelmann Boardwalk #street line# and extend along the entire Riegelmann Boardwalk frontage of the #zoning lot# to a minimum height of 20 feet, as shown on Map 5 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights). Any #building or other structure# within 70 feet of Riegelmann Boardwalk shall not exceed a height of 40 feet above the level of Riegelmann Boardwalk.

In addition, on Parcel F, a #street wall# shall be located on the Parachute Way building line and the portion of the Ocean Way building line that is within 100 feet of the Parachute Way building line, as shown on Map 4 (Street Wall Location). Such #street walls# shall extend along such entire frontages of Parcel F to a minimum height of 20 feet.

131-434 - Coney West Subdistrict towers

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2/2/2011

All #stories# of a #building# or portions of other structures located partially or wholly above an applicable transition height shall be considered a "tower" and shall comply with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Maximum floorplate

Each #story# of a tower shall not exceed a gross area of 8,500 square feet.

(b) Maximum length and height

On #blocks# bounding Surf Avenue, the maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be 220 feet, and on #blocks# bounding the southerly #street line# of Ocean Way, the

maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be 170 feet. Furthermore, the outermost walls of all tower #stories# shall be inscribed within a rectangle, and no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 165 feet.

Where #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing# is provided pursuant to Section 131-321 (Special floor area regulations for residential uses), the maximum height of a #building# shall be increased to 270 feet, provided either:

(1) the outermost wall of all tower #stories# are inscribed within a rectangle where no side of such rectangle exceeds a length of 100 feet; or

(2) the outermost wall of all tower #stories# below a height of 120 feet are inscribed within a rectangle where no side of such rectangle exceeds a length of 130 feet and, above such height, no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 100 feet. In addition, above a height of 120 feet, the maximum floor plate shall be 80 percent of the #story# immediately below such height, or 6,800 square feet, whichever is greater. Such reduced #lot coverage# shall be achieved by one or more setbacks on each face of the tower, where at least one setback on each tower face has a depth of at least five feet and a width that, individually or in the aggregate, is equal to at least 10 percent of the width of each respective tower face.

All #buildings# that exceed a height of 170 feet shall provide articulation in accordance with Section 131-46 (Tower Top Articulation).

(c) Tower location

All towers shall be located entirely within 100 feet of Parachute Way, West 20th Street, West 21st Street or West 22nd Street and within 25 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#. When a #zoning lot# fronting upon Surf Avenue contains a tower, such tower shall be located within 25 feet of Surf Avenue. No more than one tower shall be permitted on any #zoning lot#, except that where #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing# is

provided pursuant to Sections 27-10 and 131-321, no more than two towers shall be permitted on any #zoning lot#, and the second tower shall be located within 25 feet of Ocean Way. However, Parcel E may include two towers and, where #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing# is provided pursuant to Section 131-321, a third tower shall be permitted to be located anywhere on such parcel along Parachute Way.

131-44 - Coney North Subdistrict

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The regulations of this Section shall apply to all #buildings or other structures# in the Coney North Subdistrict. Maps 4 (Street Wall Location) and 5 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights), in the Appendix to this Chapter, illustrate the #street wall# location provisions, minimum and maximum base height provisions and maximum #building# height provisions of this Section, inclusive.

131-441 - Coney North Subdistrict, Surf Avenue

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The regulations of this Section shall apply along Surf Avenue. The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section shall also apply along #streets# intersecting Surf Avenue within 50 feet of Surf Avenue, and the #building# base regulations of paragraph (b) of this Section shall also apply along #streets# within 100 feet of Surf Avenue.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) Section 35-631 shall apply and extend up to minimum base heights as defined in this Section. To allow for portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building# base below a tower may be set back 10 feet from a #street line#, provided the width of such setback area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower and provided such setback area complies with the provisions of Section 131-47 (Design Requirements for Ground Level Setbacks).

(b) #Building# base

The #street wall# of a #building# base fronting on Surf Avenue shall rise without setback to a minimum height of six #stories# or 65 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum height of eight #stories# or 85 feet, whichever is less, before a setback is required. However, on the portion of the #block# bounded by Stillwell Avenue and West 15th Street, for #buildings# that exceed a height of 85 feet, all #street walls# of such #building# fronting on Surf Avenue shall rise without setback to a height of 85 feet.

All portions of a #building or other structure# that exceed a height of 85 feet shall be set back from the #street line# at least 10 feet, and shall comply with the tower provisions of Section 131-444 (Coney North Subdistrict towers). Such setback may be modified in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-433 (Standard setback regulations).

(c) Transition height

Above the maximum base height, a #street wall# may rise to a maximum transition height of nine #stories# or 95 feet, whichever is less, provided that such #street walls# are set back a minimum distance of 10 feet from the Surf Avenue #street line#. All portions of #buildings or other structures# that exceed a transition height of 95 feet shall comply with the tower

provisions of Section 131-444 (Coney North Subdistrict towers).

131-442 - Along all other streets, other than Stillwell Avenue

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12/5/2024

The following regulations shall apply along all other #streets# in the Coney North Subdistrict, other than Stillwell Avenue.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (b) Section 35-631 shall apply and extend up to base heights as defined in the Section. To allow portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building# base below a tower may be recessed 10 feet from the #street line#, provided the width of such recess area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower.

The entire area of the #zoning lot# between the #street line# and all #street walls# of the #building# and their prolongations shall be planted at ground level, or in raised planting beds that are permanently affixed to the ground, except that such plantings shall not be required at the entrances to, and exits from, the #building#, within driveways accessing off-street parking spaces located within, to the side, or rear of such #building#, or between #commercial# #uses# and the #street line#. No #zoning lot# shall be altered in any way that will either create a new non-compliance or increase the degree of non-compliance with the provisions of this Section.

(b) #Building# base

The #street wall# of a #building# base, or portion thereof, located beyond 100 feet of Surf Avenue, shall rise without setback to a minimum height of 40 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum height of six #stories# or 65 feet, whichever is less.

All portions of a #building or other structure# that exceed a height of 65 feet shall be set back from the #street wall# of the #building# at least 10 feet. Such setback may be modified in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-433 (Standard setback regulations).

(c) Transition height

In all portions of #blocks# located beyond 100 feet of Surf Avenue, a #street wall# may rise above the maximum base height to a maximum transition height of eight #stories# or 85 feet, whichever is less, provided that such #street walls# are set back a minimum distance of 10 feet from the #street line#. All portions of #buildings or other structures# that exceed a transition height of 85 feet shall comply with the tower provisions of Section 131-444 (Coney North Subdistrict towers).

131-443 - Mermaid and Stillwell Avenues

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Within 100 feet of Mermaid Avenue and within 100 feet of the portion of Stillwell Avenue beyond 100 feet of Surf Avenue, all portions of a #building or other structure# shall comply with the height and setback regulations of the underlying district, except as set forth by the provisions of this Section. The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) Section 35-631 shall apply, except that the

#street wall# of a #building# shall rise to a minimum height of 40 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less.

131-444 - Coney North Subdistrict towers

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2/2/2011

All #stories# of a #building# or portions of other structures located partially or wholly above a height of 85 feet within 175 feet of Surf Avenue and above a height of 65 feet beyond 175 feet of Surf Avenue shall be considered a "tower" and shall comply with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Maximum floorplate

Each #story# of a tower shall not exceed a gross area of 8,500 square feet.

(b) Maximum length and height

On #blocks# bounding Surf Avenue, the maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be 220 feet and beyond 175 feet of Surf Avenue the maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be 170 feet. Furthermore, the outermost walls of all tower #stories# shall be inscribed within a rectangle and no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 165 feet.

Where #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing# is provided pursuant to Section 131-321 (Special floor area regulations for residential uses), the maximum height of a #building# shall be increased to 270 feet, provided that either:

(1) the outermost wall of all tower #stories# are inscribed within a rectangle, where no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 100 feet; or

(2) the outermost wall of all tower #stories#, below a height of 120 feet, are inscribed within a rectangle, where no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 130 feet, and above such height, no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 100 feet. In addition, above a height of 120 feet, the maximum floorplate shall be 80 percent of the #story# immediately below such height or 6,800 square feet, whichever is greater. Such reduced #lot coverage# shall be achieved by one or more setbacks on each face of the tower, where at least one setback on each tower face has a depth of at least five feet and a width that, individually or in the aggregate, is equal to at least 10 percent of the width of each respective tower face.

All #buildings# that exceed a height of 170 feet shall provide articulation in accordance with Section 131-46 (Tower Top Articulation).

(c) Tower location

Towers shall be located within 25 feet of Surf Avenue and entirely within 100 feet of an intersecting #street#. No more than one tower shall be permitted on any #zoning lot#, except that where #qualifying affordable housing# or #qualifying senior housing# is provided pursuant to Sections 27-10 and 131-321, a second tower shall be permitted anywhere on the #zoning lot# where such tower is entirely beyond 175 feet of Surf Avenue and 10 feet from any other #street#. All towers shall be located at least 10 feet from a #side lot line#.

131-45 - Mermaid Avenue Subdistrict

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12/5/2024

All portions of a #building or other structure# shall comply with the height and setback regulations of the underlying district, except as set forth by the provisions of this Section. On Mermaid Avenue, and along all #street# frontages within 50 feet of Mermaid Avenue, the #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) Section 35-631 shall apply, except that the #street wall# shall rise to a minimum base height of 40 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less.

131-46 - Tower Top Articulation

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All #buildings# that exceed a height of 170 feet shall provide articulation in accordance with at least one of following provisions:

(a) Setbacks on each tower face

The highest three #stories#, or as many #stories# as are located entirely above a height of 170 feet, whichever is less, shall have a #lot coverage# of at least 50 percent of the #story# immediately below such #stories#, and a maximum #lot coverage# of 80 percent of the #story# immediately below such #stories#. Such reduced #lot coverage# shall be achieved by one or more setbacks on each face of the tower, where at least one setback on each tower face has a depth of at least four feet, and a width that, individually or in the aggregate, is equal to at least 10 percent of the width of such respective tower face. For the purposes of this paragraph (a), each tower shall have four tower faces, with each face being the side of a rectangle within which the outermost walls of the highest #story# not subject to the reduced #lot coverage# provisions have been inscribed. The required setbacks shall be measured from the outermost walls of the #building# facing each tower face. Required setback areas may overlap.

(b) Three setbacks

Setbacks shall be provided at the level of three different #stories#, or as many #stories# as are located entirely above a height of 170 feet, whichever is less. Such setbacks shall be located on either the north-facing or south-facing side of the #building#, but not both. Such setbacks shall have a minimum depth of 15 feet measured, as applicable, from the north-facing or south-facing wall of the #story# immediately below. For towers with at least six #stories# located entirely above a height of 170 feet, the lowest level at which such setbacks may be provided is 170 feet, and the highest #story#, therefore, shall be located entirely within the northern or southern half of the tower, as applicable.

(c) Reverse setbacks

A minimum of 15 percent of the area of the plane surface of #street walls# enclosing #floor area# of the tower and a maximum of 50 percent of the area of the plane surface of the #street walls# enclosing #floor area# of the tower shall project at least 18 inches but not more than five feet from the remaining plane surface of the #street walls# enclosing any #floor area# of the tower. No projections, including balconies, shall be permitted from the lowest two #stories# of the tower.

131-47 - Design Requirements for Ground Level Setbacks

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Wherever a #building# base below a tower is set back from the #street line#, and the #building# walls bounding such setback area are occupied by non-#residential uses#, such setback area shall comply

with the provisions of this Section. Where two such setback areas adjoin one another at the intersection of two #streets#, the combined area of such spaces shall determine the applicability of such provisions.

(a) Minimum and maximum areas

No such setback area shall be less than 240 square feet nor greater than 1,000 square feet.

(b) Pavement

The setback area shall be paved with materials distinctive from the adjoining public sidewalk.

(c) Wall treatments

All ground floor level #building# walls bounding such setback area not otherwise subject to the transparency requirements of Section 131-15, shall comply with the provisions of either paragraphs (c)(1) or (c)(2) of this Section.

(1) If such #building# wall is a #street wall# wider than 10 feet, such #street wall# shall comply with the provisions of Section 131-15.

(2) All other #building# walls shall comply with one of the following provisions:

(i) such #building# walls shall be glazed with transparent materials in accordance with the transparency provisions of Section 37-34 (Minimum Transparency Requirements); or

(ii) such #building# walls shall be articulated with artwork or landscaping to a height of at least 10 feet.

(d) #Building# entrances

A public entrance to a #building# shall front upon such setback area. No ramps shall be permitted within the setback area.

(e) Landscaping

A minimum of 20 percent of such setback area shall be planted with, at a minimum, evergreen ground cover or shrubs in planting beds, with a minimum of six inches in height and a maximum height of four feet. Such planting beds may not occupy more than 50 percent of the width of the setback area, as measured along the #street line#.

(f) Additional amenities

For setback areas of 500 square feet or more, there shall be the following additional amenities:

(1) an additional public entrance to the #building# that fronts upon such setback area; and

(2) a minimum of one linear feet of seating for every 20 square feet of setback area shall be provided. At least 40 percent of such seating shall be fixed, of which at least half shall have backs with a minimum height of 14 inches. All fixed seating shall have a minimum depth of 18 inches and a maximum depth of 24 inches, and a minimum seat height of 16 inches and a maximum seat height of 20 inches. At least 50 percent of required seating shall be moveable chairs.

131-48 - Street Trees

LAST AMENDED

7/29/2009

The provisions of Section 33-04 (Street Tree Planting in Commercial Districts) shall not apply in the Coney East Subdistrict.

131-49 - Authorization for Exterior Ramps

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5/12/2021

The City Planning Commission may authorize modifications of the #street wall# location provisions of this Chapter to allow exterior ramps for access from the public sidewalk to the lowest #story# above the #flood-resistant construction elevation#, as defined in Section 64-11 (Definitions), provided the Commission finds that the design of such ramps:

(a) maximizes visibility of interior ground floor space within the #building# from the public sidewalk;

(b) incorporates amenities such as seating and planting as the Commission may find appropriate; and

(c) relates harmoniously with the design and materials of the adjacent #building# and the surrounding streetscape.

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