**Zoning Resolution**

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
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# 117-42 - Special Bulk and Use Regulations in the Court Square Subdistrict

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LAST AMENDED
11/12/2025

#Zoning lots# of at least 10,000 square feet with #buildings# containing at least 70,000 square feet of #floor area# are subject to the provisions of the underlying C5-3 District, as modified by Sections 117-40 through 117-45, inclusive.

All other #zoning lots# are subject to the #use# provisions of the underlying C5-3 District and the #bulk# provisions of an M1-4/R6B District.

## 117-421 - Special bulk regulations

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

(a) #Developments# or #enlargements# on #zoning lots# that meet the standards of Section 117-44 and provide mandatory subway improvements as required by Section 117-44, may be #developed# or #enlarged# to a #floor area ratio# of 15.0. #Developments# or #enlargements# on #zoning lots# that do not meet the minimum standards of Section 117-44 shall not exceed the maximum #floor area ratio# of the M1-4/R6B designated district for the applicable #use#.

(b) The following provisions shall not apply within the Court Square Subdistrict:

Section 33-13 (Floor Area Bonus for a Public Plaza)

Section 33-14 (Floor Area Bonus for Arcades)

Section 33-26 (Minimum Required Rear Yards)

Section 34-223 (Floor area bonus for a public plaza)

Section 34-224 (Floor area bonus for an arcade)

Section 34-23 (Modification of Yard and Open Area Regulations).

(c) The height and setback regulations of the underlying C5-3 District shall apply, except that:

(1) no #building or other structure# shall exceed a height of 85 feet above the #base plane# within the area bounded by 23rd Street, 44th Road, a line 60 feet east of and parallel to 23rd Street, and 45th Avenue; and

(2) on Blocks 1 and 3, the #street wall# of a #building or other structure# shall be located on the #street line# or sidewalk widening line, where applicable, and extend along the entire #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# up to at least a height of 60 feet and a maximum height of 85 feet before setback, except any portion of a #building# on Block 3 fronting upon 23rd Street may rise to a maximum height of 125 feet before setback. Recesses, not to exceed three feet in depth from the #street line#, shall be permitted on the ground floor where required to provide access to the #building#. Above the level of the second #story#, up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be located beyond the #street line#, provided no such recesses are within 15 feet of an adjacent #building#.

Above the highest applicable maximum #street wall# height, the underlying height and setback regulations shall apply. However, the underlying tower regulations shall be modified:

(i) to permit portions of #buildings# that exceed a height of 85 feet to be set back at least five feet from a #wide street line#, provided no portion of such #building# that exceeds a height of 85 feet is located within 15 feet of a #side

lot line#; and

(ii) so that the provisions of Section 33-451 (In certain specified Commercial Districts) regulating the aggregate area of a tower within 50 feet of a #narrow street# shall not apply to any #building# or portion of such #building# on Block 3 fronting upon 45th Avenue.

The provisions of this paragraph (c)(2) shall not apply to #enlargements# on #zoning lots# existing on June 30, 2009, where such #zoning lot# includes an existing #building# to remain with at least 300,000 square feet of #floor area#.

## 117-422 - Sign regulations

LAST AMENDED
5/28/2003

All requirements of Section 32-60 (SIGN REGULATIONS) shall apply, except for Sections 32-642 (Nonilluminated signs), 32-644 (Illuminated or flashing signs in C4, C5-4, C6 or C7 Districts) and 32-655 (Height of signs in all other Commercial Districts).

Non-#illuminated#, #illuminated# or #flashing signs# are permitted with a total #surface area# (in square feet) not exceeding five times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot#, in feet, but in no event shall the total #surface area# exceed 500 square feet for #interior# or #through lots# or 500 square feet on each frontage for #corner lots#.

No permitted #sign# shall extend above #curb level# at a height greater than 60 feet.

A #non-conforming# #sign# may be replaced pursuant to Section 52-82 (Non-conforming Signs Other Than Advertising Signs), except that the height, location or position of the replacement #sign# may be changed by up to 10 feet, measured from the perimeter of the original #non-conforming#

#sign#.

## 117-423 - Sidewalk widening

LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

For any #development# or #enlargement# on Block 3 with a #building# wall facing 45th Road, a sidewalk widening of five feet shall be provided on 45th Road between 23rd Street and Jackson Avenue. Such sidewalk widening shall be a continuous, paved open area along the #front lot line# of the #zoning lot# at the same elevation as the adjoining sidewalk and directly accessible to the public at all times. Such sidewalk widening shall be unobstructed from its lowest level to the sky except for temporary elements of weather protection, such as awnings or canopies, provided that the total area (measured on the plan) of such elements does not exceed 20 percent of the sidewalk widening area, and that such elements and any attachments thereto are at least eight feet above #curb level#, and that any post or other support for such element, or any attachment to the support, has a maximum horizontal dimension of six inches. No #street# trees, vehicle storage, parking or trash storage is permitted on such sidewalk widening.