Zoning Resolution

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117-53 - Height and Setback and Street Wall Location Regulations

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The height and setback regulations of the designated #Residence# and M1 Districts shall not apply, except for permitted obstructions pursuant to Sections 23-41 or 43-42, as applicable. In lieu thereof, all #buildings or other structures# shall comply with the regulations set forth in Sections 117-531 (Street wall location) and 117-532 (Setback regulations for buildings that exceed the maximum base height). Such regulations, however, shall not apply along the #street frontage# of that portion of a #zoning lot# occupied by existing #buildings#, unless the #street walls# of such existing #buildings# are vertically extended by more than 15 feet. The height of all #buildings or other structures# shall be measured from the #base plane#.

117-531 - Street wall location

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(a) On a #wide street#, and on a #narrow street# within 50 feet of its intersection with a #wide street#, the #street wall# provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 35-631 (Street wall location) shall apply, except that the #street wall# shall extend to at least the applicable minimum base height specified in the table in Section 117-532 (Setback regulations for buildings that exceed the maximum base height), or the height of the #building#, whichever is less.

(b) On a #narrow street# between 50 and 100 feet of its intersection with a #wide street#, the #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (b) of Section 35-631 shall apply, except that

the #street wall# shall extend along the entire width of the #narrow street# frontage

Beyond 100 feet of the intersection of a #wide street#, the #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (b) of Section 35-631 shall apply.

(c) In the locations specified on Map 3 (Sidewalk Widening and Street Wall Location) in Appendix E of this Chapter, a #building# shall comply with the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section, as applicable, except that #street walls# shall be located as specified on Map 3. The #street wall# of a #building# may be set back only in the areas indicated on Map 3 as "Permitted #Street Wall# Setback Locations," provided that the additional sidewalk widening resulting from such setback is accessible to the public, in accordance with the provisions of Section 117-553 (Mandatory sidewalk widening design requirements), and located adjacent to a public sidewalk or mandatory sidewalk widening.

(d) For any #building# fronting on Queens Plaza South in Area A-1 or Area B, as shown on Map 1 (Designated Districts within the Queens Plaza Subdistrict) of Appendix E, any #street wall# along Queens Plaza South shall be set back five feet from the #street line#, except as otherwise specified on Map 3.

(e) For any #building# on a #zoning lot# located on Jackson Avenue between 42nd Road and Queens Plaza South, the #street wall# fronting on Jackson Avenue may be set back five feet from the #street line# only upon certification of the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission to the Department of Buildings that the Jackson Avenue sidewalk adjacent to the #zoning lot# will be landscaped in accordance with a plan acceptable to the Department of Transportation and the Chairperson. Such plan shall include five planting beds that shall contain a mixture of deciduous and evergreen shrubs, ground covers and flowers. Such planting beds shall be installed and maintained by the owner of the #building#. The #street wall# of any subsequent #development# or #enlargement# shall be located no closer to nor further from the #street line# than the #street wall# of an adjacent existing #building#.

117-532 - Setback regulations for buildings that exceed the maximum base height

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All portions of #buildings or other structures# that exceed the maximum base height specified in the table in this Section shall comply with the following provisions:

(a) At a height not lower than the minimum base height or higher than the maximum base height specified in the table for the applicable area, a setback with a depth of at least 10 feet shall be provided from any #street wall# fronting on a #wide street# and a setback with a depth of at least 15 feet shall be provided from any #street wall# fronting on a #narrow street#. Such setback may be modified in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-433 (Standard setback regulations).

Area	Minimum Base Height	Maximum Base Height
A-1	60	---
A-2	60	150
B	100	150
C*	60	100

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* for #buildings or other structures# on Davis Street located 75 feet or more from Jackson Avenue, the minimum base height shall be 40 feet

(b) In Area A-1, no setbacks are required above the applicable minimum base height specified in the table in paragraph (a) of this Section. However, if a setback is provided, it shall comply with the provisions of paragraph (a).

117-533 - Special permit to modify use or bulk regulations

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For any #zoning lot# within the Queens Plaza Subdistrict of the #Special Long Island City Mixed Use District#, the City Planning Commission may permit modification of the #use# or #bulk# regulations, except #floor area ratio# requirements, provided the Commission shall find that:

(a) such #use# or #bulk# modification will aid in achieving the general purposes and intent of the Special District;

(b) such #use# modification will encourage a lively pedestrian environment along the #street# or mandatory sidewalk widening, or is necessary for the programmatic requirements of the development;

(c) such #bulk# modifications will enhance the distribution of #bulk# on the #zoning lot#;

(d) such #bulk# modifications will permit adequate access of light and air to surrounding #streets# and properties; and

(e) such #use# or #bulk# modification will relate harmoniously to the character of the surrounding area.

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