



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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# 101-53 - Garages

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LAST AMENDED  
12/10/2012

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### 101-531 - Public parking garages

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#Public parking garages# with 225 or fewer spaces shall be permitted as-of-right, provided that such garages are, except for entrances and exits, entirely below the level of any #street# or #publicly accessible open area# upon which such facility, or portion thereof, fronts. In addition to a maximum number of 225 public parking spaces, such garages may include required #accessory# parking spaces, which may be provided at any level. Any #accessory# parking spaces that are not required shall be included with all other public parking spaces in such #public parking garage# for the purpose of applying any regulations in this Resolution relating to the number or location of parking spaces in such #public parking garage#.

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### 101-532 - Off-site accessory parking spaces in public garages

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12/5/2024

Section [36-56](#) (Accessory Off-street Parking Spaces in Public Garages) shall be modified to allow #accessory# off-street parking spaces in any #public parking garage# #developed# after December 10, 2012, provided such off-site spaces comply with the provisions of Section [101-55](#) (Location of Off-site Parking Spaces).

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### 101-533 - Pedestrian safety

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12/5/2024

The provisions of this Section shall apply to parking facilities created after December 10, 2012, or for parking facilities enlarged by 50 or more spaces after December 10, 2012. For all #accessory# parking garages and #public parking garages#, the following safety features shall be provided at all vehicular exit points:

- (a) a 'stop' sign which shall be clearly visible to drivers. Such signage shall comply with the standards set forth in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a conventional single lane road; and
- (b) a speed bump, which shall be located within the exit lane of the parking facility. Such speed bump shall:
  - (1) span the entire width of such exit lane;
  - (2) have a minimum of two inches in height, as measured from the adjoining grade of the exit lane, and a maximum depth of 12 inches; and
  - (3) be located a minimum of four feet and a maximum of eight feet beyond the #street line#, as measured perpendicular to the #street line#.

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### 101-534 - Special permit for public parking garages

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Section [74-194](#) (Public parking garages or public parking lots in high density central areas) shall not apply to public parking garages. In lieu thereof, the City Planning Commission may permit:

- (a) a public parking garage that does not comply with the provisions of Section [101-531](#) (Public parking garages), provided that such garage complies with all other applicable regulations set forth in Section [101-50](#) (OFF-STREET PARKING AND OFF-STREET LOADING REGULATIONS); and
- (b) floor space on one or more stories, up to a height of 23 feet above curb level, to be exempted from the definition of floor area as set forth in Section [12-10](#).

In order to grant a special permit for such use or floor area exemption, the Commission shall find that:

- (1) such use will be compatible with the surrounding area, and will not adversely affect the growth and development of uses comprising vital and essential functions in the general area within which such use is to be located;
- (2) the proposed materials and articulation of the street wall of the parking facility are compatible with buildings in the surrounding area;
- (3) the ground floor level of such parking facilities that front upon streets with a width of 60 feet or more, or that front upon public access areas, is occupied by commercial, community facility or residential uses that generate activity on all such adjoining streets or public areas, except at the entrances and exits to the parking facility. Where site planning constraints make such uses infeasible, the parking facility shall be screened from such adjoining streets or public access areas with a strip at least five feet deep, densely planted with shrubs or trees that are at least four feet high at the time of planting and that are of a type which may be expected to form a year-round dense screen, at least six feet high, within three years. Where such screening is not desirable, a total of at least 50 percent of the exterior building wall with adjacent parking spaces shall consist of opaque materials that include graphic or sculptural art, or living plant material;
- (4) any floor space above the ground floor level utilized for parking is located, to the greatest extent feasible, behind commercial, community facility or residential floor area, so as to minimize the visibility of the parking facility from adjoining streets with a width of 60 feet or more, or public access areas. Any exterior wall of the parking facility visible from an adjoining street or public access area shall be articulated in a manner that is compatible with buildings in the surrounding area;
- (5) such use will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion and will not unduly inhibit surface traffic and pedestrian flow and that the streets providing access to such use will be adequate to handle the traffic generated thereby;
- (6) such use and its vehicular entrances and exits are so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through residential streets in nearby areas; and
- (7) if any floor space is exempted from the definition of floor area, such additional floor space is necessary to prevent excessive on-street parking demand and relieve traffic congestion.

The City Planning Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area including limitations on signs, or requirements for shielding of floodlights, or locations of entrances and exits.