Zoning Resolution

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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.