



## **Zoning Resolution**

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# **Chapter 5 - Special Bay Street Corridor District (BSC)**

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## 135-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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The “Special Bay Street Corridor District” established in this Resolution is designed to promote and protect public health, safety and general welfare. These general goals include, among others, the following specific purposes:

- (a) to encourage well-designed buildings that complement the built character of the St. George, Stapleton and Tompkinsville neighborhoods;
- (b) to achieve a harmonious visual and functional relationship with the adjacent neighborhoods;
- (c) to maintain and reestablish physical and visual public access to the Stapleton neighborhood and to the waterfront;
- (d) to enhance neighborhood economic diversity by broadening the range of housing choices for residents at varied incomes;
- (e) to provide flexibility to attract new commercial and retail uses and support the existing businesses that define the area;
- (f) to create a livable community combining housing, retail and other uses throughout the district;
- (g) to create a walkable, urban streetscape environment through a mix of ground floor uses that connect the town centers of St. George and Stapleton;

- (h) to create a lively and attractive built environment that will provide daily amenities and services for the use and enjoyment of area residents, workers and visitors;
- (i) to provide flexibility of architectural design within limits established to assure adequate access of light and air to the street, and thus to encourage more attractive and economic building forms; and
- (j) to promote the most desirable use of land in accordance with a well-considered plan and thus conserve the value of land and buildings, and thereby protect the City's tax revenues.

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## **135-01 - General Provisions**

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The provisions of this Chapter shall apply within the #Special Bay Street Corridor District#. The regulations of all other Chapters of this Resolution are applicable, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by the provisions of this Chapter. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and other regulations of this Resolution, the provisions of this Chapter shall control.

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## **135-02 - District Plan and Maps**

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District maps are located in Appendix A of this Chapter and are hereby incorporated and made an integral part of this Resolution. They are incorporated for the purpose of specifying locations where

special regulations and requirements, as set forth in the text of this Chapter, apply.

Map 1 - Special Bay Street Corridor District, Subdistricts and Subareas

Map 2 - Location of Visual Corridors

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## 135-025 - Applicability of Article VI, Chapter 6

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For #transit-adjacent sites#, as defined in Section [66-11](#) (Definitions), in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 6 (Special Regulations Applying Around Mass Transit Stations), the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 6 shall control.

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## 135-03 - Subdistricts

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In order to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Chapter, six subdistricts are established as follows:

Subdistrict A

Subdistrict B

Subdistrict C

Subdistrict D

Subdistrict E

Subdistrict F

Within Subdistrict B, subareas are established as follows:

Subarea B1

Subarea B2

Within Subdistrict D, subareas are established as follows:

Subarea D1

Subarea D2

The location and boundaries of these subdistricts are shown on Map 1 (Special Bay Street Corridor District and Subdistricts) in Appendix A of this Chapter.

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## **135-04 - Applicability**

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## **135-041 - Applicability of Article I, Chapter 2**

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The definition of “lower density growth management area” in Section [12-10](#) shall exclude all districts within the #Special Bay Street Corridor District#.

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## **135-042 - Applicability of the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Program**

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12/5/2024

For the purposes of applying the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Program set forth in Section [27-10](#) (ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING), the #Special Bay Street Corridor District# shall be a #Mandatory Inclusionary Housing area#.

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## **135-043 - Applicability of Article VI, Chapter 4**

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Notwithstanding the general provisions of Section [135-01](#), in #flood zones#, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4 (Special Regulations Applying in Flood Zones), the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4 shall control.

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## **135-044 - Applicability of Article VI, Chapter 6**

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Notwithstanding the general provisions of Section [135-01](#), for #transit-adjacent sites#, as defined in Section [66-11](#) (Definitions), in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 6 (Special Regulations Applying Around Mass Transit Stations), the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 6 shall control.

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## **135-045 - Applicability of this Chapter to certain zoning lots in Subdistrict D**

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In Subdistrict D, for #uses# listed under Miscellaneous Manufacturing in Use Group X that support the operation of a public service or public transportation facility and were existing on June 26, 2019, the provisions applicable to an M1-1 District shall apply.

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## **135-10 - SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS**

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The underlying #use# regulations are modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

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## **135-11 - Streetscape Regulations**

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The underlying #ground floor level# streetscape provisions set forth in Section [32-30](#) (STREETSCAPE REGULATIONS), inclusive, shall apply, except that #ground floor level# #street frontages# along Bay Street and Prospect Street shall be considered #Tier C street frontages#, and frontages along remaining #streets# shall be considered #Tier B street frontages#.

Defined terms in this Section shall include those in Sections [12-10](#) and 32-301.

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## 135-12 - Breweries

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Within the #Special Bay Street Corridor District#, breweries, included under all other beverage manufacturing in Use Group X, shall be permitted in Commercial Districts provided that the size of such brewery does not exceed 30,000 square feet.

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## 135-13 - Modification of Supplemental Use Provisions

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In Subdistricts A, B and C, the underlying provisions of Section [32-421](#) (Limitation on floors occupied by commercial uses) shall be modified as follows:

- (a) for #mixed buildings# where #uses# listed under Offices in Use Group VII are located on the same #story# as a #dwelling unit#, the limitations set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of such Section shall not apply; and
- (b) for #commercial# #buildings#, the limitation on the number of #stories# allocated to #commercial# #uses# in Use Groups VI through X, as set forth in Section [32-10](#) (USE ALLOWANCES), inclusive, shall not apply, except to breweries permitted pursuant to Section [135-12](#).

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## 135-20 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS

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The #bulk# regulations of the underlying district shall apply, except as modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive. #Sky exposure plane buildings# shall not be permitted.

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## 135-21 - Special Floor Area Regulations

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The underlying #floor area# regulations are modified by the provisions of this Section. For the purpose of this Section, defined terms include those set forth in Sections [12-10](#) and [27-11](#).

The table below sets forth the maximum #floor area ratio# of a #zoning lot# for each Subdistrict as follows.

- (a) Column 1 sets forth the maximum #floor area ratio# for #commercial# #uses# listed in Use Group VI;
- (b) Column 2 sets forth the maximum #floor area ratio# for offices listed under Use Group VII;
- (c) Column 3 sets forth the basic maximum #floor area ratio# for #residences#;
- (d) Column 4 sets forth the maximum #residential# #floor area ratio# for #qualifying affordable housing# and #community facility uses#; and
- (e) Column 5 sets forth the maximum #floor area ratio# for #qualifying senior housing#.

For #zoning lots# with #buildings# containing multiple #uses# or for #zoning lots# with multiple #buildings# containing different #uses#, the maximum #floor area ratio# for each #use# shall be as set forth in the table, and the maximum #floor area ratio# for the #zoning lot# shall not exceed the greatest #floor area ratio# permitted for any such #use# on the #zoning lot#.

MAXIMUM #FLOOR AREA RATIO#

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
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Subdistrict, or Subarea, as applicable	For #commercial# #uses# other than offices	For offices	For #residences# other than #MIH sites# and #affordable independent residences for seniors#	For #MIH sites# and #community facility uses# other than #long-term care facilities#	For #affordable independent residences for seniors# or #long-term care facilities#
A	2.0	4.0	3.6	4.0	4.6
B	2.0	3.6	3.0	3.6	3.9
C	2.0	3.0	2.5	3.0	3.25
D1	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.25
D2	2.0	2.0	2.25	2.75	3.0
E	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2
F	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.6	3.9

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## 135-22 - Special Yard Regulations

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The underlying #yard# regulations are modified by the provisions of this Section.

In Subdistrict A, no #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# need be provided for #commercial buildings#, #community facility buildings#, or the portion of a #mixed building# containing #commercial# or #community facility uses#.

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## 135-23 - Special Street Wall Location Regulations

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The underlying #street wall# location provisions are modified by the provisions of this Section.

(a) Along Bay Street or Prospect Street

Along Bay Street or Prospect Street, and along #streets# within 50 feet of their intersection with Bay Street, the #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (b) Section [35-631](#) shall apply except that the #street walls# shall extend up to at least the minimum base height specified in Section [135-25](#) (Special Height and Setback Regulations), or the height of the #building#, whichever is lower. Pursuant to Section [135-31](#) (Special Visual Corridor Requirements), required visual corridors shall be considered #streets#.

A minimum of 20 percent of the surface area of such #street walls# above the level of the first #story# shall be recessed a minimum of three feet. In addition, up to 30 percent of such #street wall# may be recessed at any level, provided that any recesses deeper than 10 feet are located within an #outer court#. Furthermore, no recesses greater than three feet shall be permitted within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#.

(b) Along Van Duzer Street

Along Van Duzer Street, and along #streets# within 50 feet of their intersection with Van Duzer Street, the underlying #street wall# location regulations shall apply.

(c) Along all other #streets#

Along all #streets# that are not subject to paragraphs (a) or (b) of this Section, at least 50 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# shall be located within 15 feet of the #street line#. The remaining #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed beyond 15 feet of the #street line#, provided that any such recesses deeper than 10 feet are located within an #outer court#. Where the #street wall# of a #building#, or an individual segment thereof, exceeds the maximum base height established in Section [135-24](#), such #street wall# shall rise without setback to at least the minimum base height specified in Section [135-24](#).

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## 135-24 - Special Height and Setback Regulations

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The underlying height and setback provisions are modified by the provisions of this Section.

Pursuant to Section [135-31](#) (Special Visual Corridor Requirements), required visual corridors shall be considered #streets#. Such visual corridors shall be considered #wide streets# for the purposes of applying the height and setback regulations of this Section.

(a) Base heights and maximum #building# heights

The table below sets forth the minimum and maximum base height, the maximum transition height, where applicable, the maximum height of a #building or other structure# and the maximum number of #stories# for #buildings# in the #Special Bay Street Corridor District#.

In all subdistricts, a setback is required for all portions of #buildings or other structures# that exceed the maximum base height specified for the subdistrict, and shall be provided in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Section.

In Subdistrict A and Subarea B1, any portion of a #building or other structure# located above the maximum transition height, and in Subarea B2 and Subdistrict C, any portion of a #building or other structure# located above the maximum base height, shall be subject to the maximum #street wall# width restrictions set forth in paragraph (c) of this Section.

MAXIMUM BASE HEIGHTS AND MAXIMUM #BUILDING#  
HEIGHTS

Subdistrict or Subarea, as applicable	Minimum Base Height (in feet)	Maximum Base Height (in feet)	Maximum Transition Height (in feet)	Maximum Height of #Buildings or Other Structures# in Certain Locations (in feet)
A	40	65	85	125
B1	40	65	85	125
B2	40	65	N/A	125
C	40	65	N/A	85
D1	40	65	N/A	75
D2	40	65	N/A	65
E	30	45	N/A	55
F	40	65	N/A	85

(b) Required setbacks

At a height not lower than the minimum base height or higher than the maximum base height specified for the subdistrict in the table in paragraph (a), a setback shall be provided in accordance with Section [23-433](#) (Standard setback regulations).

(c) Maximum #street wall# width in Subdistricts A, B and C

In Subdistricts A, B and C, the maximum #building# height set forth in the table in paragraph (a) shall only be permitted within 100 feet of #streets# intersecting Bay Street. In addition, in Subdistrict A and Subarea B2, such maximum #building# height shall be permitted beyond

100 feet of #streets# intersecting Bay Street, provided that the maximum #street wall# width above the maximum base height does not exceed 100 feet.

In all such Subdistricts, at least 60 feet of separation shall exist between any portions of #buildings# located above such maximum transition height, or maximum base height, as applicable.

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## 135-30 - SPECIAL PUBLIC ACCESS AREA REGULATIONS

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LAST AMENDED

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## 135-31 - Special Visual Corridor Requirements

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Within the #Special Bay Street Corridor District#, visual corridors shall be provided east of Bay Street, prolonging Swan Street, Clinton Street, and Grant Street, as shown on Map 2 in the Appendix to this Chapter. The location of the visual corridor prolonging Grant Street may be located anywhere within the flexible location designated on Map 2.

(a) General Requirements

The boundaries of visual corridors shall be considered #street lines# for the purposes of applying the #use#, #bulk# and parking provisions of this Resolution, except that such

portion of the #zoning lot#:

- (1) shall continue to generate #floor area# ;
- (2) may be included for the purposes of calculating #lot coverage# ; and
- (3) shall be permitted to accommodate open, unscreened, tandem (one behind the other) #accessory# off-street parking spaces, provided that any such parking spaces are provided in accordance with DOT standards for on-street parking.

Such visual corridors shall be a minimum of 60 feet wide and shall be improved in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Section

(b) Required improvements

All required visual corridors shall be improved as follows:

- (1) Where a visual corridor is utilized to provide access to #accessory# off-street parking, such visual corridor shall be improved to the minimum Department of Transportation (DOT) standards for public #streets#, from its intersection with Bay Street to at least the curb cut provided to such #accessory# off-street parking, or as deep as necessary to accommodate any parking located on the visual corridor, as applicable. Any remaining portion of the visual corridor may be improved in accordance with the standards in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this Section.

- (2) Where a visual corridor does not provide access to #accessory# off-street parking, such visual corridors, may either:
- (i) be improved to the minimum DOT standards for public #streets#; or
  - (ii) be improved to provide an open area, as follows:
    - (a) a minimum of 20 percent of the open area shall be planted with any combination of perennials, annuals, decorative grasses, shrubs or trees in planting beds, raised planting beds or planter boxes. Such planting bed shall extend to a depth of at least three feet, inclusive of any structure containing the planted material, and any individual planted area shall have a width of at least five feet;
    - (b) the remainder of the open area, as applicable, may contain any combination of:
      - (1) streetscape amenities including, but not limited to, benches or tables and chairs;
      - (2) entertainment amenities including, but not limited to, water features, playgrounds, dog runs, game tables, courts or skateboard parks;
      - (3) unenclosed eating or drinking establishments; or
      - (4) streetscape-enhancing amenities including, but not limited to, lighting or sculptural artwork.
    - (c) In no event shall fencing be permitted in any open area of the visual corridor, except along the portion of a #lot line# adjacent to a #railroad right-of-way#.

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## 135-40 - SPECIAL PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS

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The underlying parking provisions are modified by the provisions of this Section.

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## 135-41 - Commercial Parking Requirements

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In #mixed buildings#, the underlying parking requirements shall apply, except that for the purposes of determining the parking requirement for #commercial# #uses# other than #uses# listed under Offices in Use Group VII, the equivalent of 0.5 #floor area ratio#, or the amount of non-office #commercial# #floor area# in the #building#, whichever is less, may be deducted from the #floor area# used to determine such #commercial# parking calculation.

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## 135-43 - Location of Parking Spaces

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All #accessory# off-street parking spaces may be provided within #public parking garages#. Such spaces may also be provided within parking facilities on #zoning lots# other than the same #zoning

lot# as the #use# to which they are #accessory#, provided:

- (a) such parking facilities are located either:
  - (1) within the #Special Bay Street Corridor District#; or
  - (2) outside the #Special Bay Street Corridor District#, subject to the underlying provisions for off-site parking spaces set forth in Sections [25-52](#) (Off-site Spaces for Residences), [25-53](#) (Off-site Spaces for Permitted Non-residential Uses), [36-42](#) (Off-site Spaces for Residences) or [36-43](#) (Off-site Spaces for Commercial or Community Facility Uses), as applicable;
- (b) each off-street parking space within such facility is counted only once in meeting the parking requirements for a specific #zoning lot#; and
- (c) in no event shall the number of #accessory# parking spaces within such facility exceed that permitted in accordance with the underlying regulations.

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## 135-44 - Special Loading Regulations

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For the purposes of applying the underlying loading regulations, the requirements for C2 Districts mapped within an R7 District shall apply to all #Commercial Districts# in the #Special Bay Street Corridor District#.

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## 135-45 - Location of Curb Cuts

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For #zoning lots# existing on June 26, 2019, with frontage along Bay Street and along another #street# frontage, no curb cut accessing off-street parking spaces or loading spaces shall be permitted along Bay Street.

## **Appendix A - SPECIAL BAY STREET CORRIDOR DISTRICT**

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Map 1 – Special Bay Street Corridor District, Subdistricts and Subareas

Map 2 – Location of visual corridors