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127-50 - FLUSHING WATERFRONT ACCESS PLAN

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The provisions of Article VI, Chapter 2 (Special Regulations Applying in the Waterfront Area), shall apply, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive. Map 4 (Waterfront Access Plan: Parcel Designation), Map 5 (Waterfront Access Plan: Visual Corridors), and Map 6 (Waterfront Access Plan: Public Access Areas) in the Appendix to this Chapter show the boundaries of the area comprising the Flushing Waterfront Access Plan, boundaries of parcels within the Plan and the location of certain features mandated or permitted by the Plan.

The Plan has been divided into parcels consisting of tax blocks and lots and other lands as established on December 10, 2020, as follows:

Subdistrict A

Parcel 1: Block 4963, Lots 212 and 249

Parcel 2: Block 4963, Lot 210

Parcel 3: Block 4963, Lot 200

Subdistrict B

Parcel 4: Block 4963, Lot 85

Parcel 5: Block 4963, Lot 65

Parcel 6: Block 4963, Lot 75

Parcel 7: Block 4963, Lots 7, 8 and 9

Parcel 8: Block 4963, Lot 1

Subdistrict C

Parcel 9: Block 5066, Lots 7503 and 7507

Any #development# on a #zoning lot# within the parcels listed above shall be subject to the requirements of Section 127-51 (Modified Applicability for Visual Corridors and Waterfront Public Access Areas), Section 127-52 (Special Requirements for Visual Corridors), Section 127-53 (Special Requirements for Waterfront Public Access Areas) and Section 127-54 (Special Review Provisions).

For the purposes of this Section, inclusive, defined terms shall include those listed in Sections 12-10 and 62-11, but #development# shall be as defined in Section 62-11.

127-51 - Modified Applicability for Visual Corridors and Waterfront Public Access Areas

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The applicability provisions for #visual corridors# pursuant to Section 62-51 (Applicability of Visual Corridor Requirements) and #waterfront public access areas# pursuant to Section 62-52 (Applicability of Waterfront Public Access Area Requirements) shall apply, except as modified as follows:

(a) #developments# comprised predominantly of #uses# listed under Use Groups IV(B), IX or X, except for docks, are subject to the special requirements for #visual corridors# set forth in Section 127-52; and

(b) #developments# comprised predominantly of #uses# listed under Use Groups IV(B), IX or X shall provide a minimum amount of #waterfront public access area# in accordance with the provisions of Section 62-58 (Requirements for Water-Dependent Uses and Other Developments). Within such #waterfront public access area#, a circulation path shall be provided with a minimum clear width of at least 10 feet and shall connect with either an adjoining #shore public walkway# or additional circulation paths on adjoining #zoning lots#.

127-52 - Special Requirements for Visual Corridors

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For #developments# within Parcels 3, 5 and 7, #visual corridors# shall be provided in the locations designated on Map 5 in the Appendix to this Chapter and pursuant to the requirements of Sections 62-51 (Applicability of Visual Corridor Requirements) and 62-65 (Public Access Design Reference Standards).

127-53 - Special Requirements for Waterfront Public Access Areas

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#Waterfront public access areas# shall be provided pursuant to Sections 62-52 (Applicability of Waterfront Public Access Area Requirements), 62-60 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), and 62-70 (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), inclusive, except as modified in this Section, inclusive.

For all such #waterfront public access areas#, as designated on Map 6 (Waterfront Access Plan: Public Access Areas) in the Appendix to this Chapter, the minimum seat depth requirement of paragraph (b) of Section 62-652 (Seating) shall be modified to 16 inches.

127-531 - Shore public walkways

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For #zoning lots# #developed# within Parcels 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, a #shore public walkway# shall be provided in the location designated on Map 6 in the Appendix to this Chapter. The applicable provisions of Section 62-53 (Requirements for Shore Public Walkways) and Section 62-60 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), inclusive, shall apply except as modified in this Section:

(a) the circulation and access provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 62-62 (Design Requirements for Shore Public Walkways and Supplemental Public Access Areas) shall be modified as follows:

(1) the required circulation path within a #shore public walkway# shall be provided at a minimum elevation of 5 feet, 6 inches above the #shoreline#, except that such requirement need not include portions of a circulation path that slope downward to meet the elevation of an existing publicly accessible sidewalk;

(2) where secondary circulation paths are provided, such paths may count as a part of the required circulation path for satisfying the locational requirement of being within 10 feet of the #shoreline# for at least 20 percent of the length of such #shoreline#. However, such secondary circulation paths may comply with the paving requirements

of paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-656; and

(3) where a #shore public walkway# is on a #zoning lot# that is adjacent to a #waterfront zoning lot# without a #shore public walkway#, the portion of the circulation path that terminates at the common #zoning# #lot line# shall be located within 40 feet of the shoreline;

(b) the minimum width of the screening buffer pursuant to paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of Section 62-62 (Design Requirements for Shore Public Walkways and Supplemental Public Access Areas) shall be four feet. No screening buffer shall be required where there is a pathway connecting a required circulation path towards a publicly accessible sidewalk or entry to a commercial or community facility use; and

(c) the grade level of required planting areas pursuant to paragraph (d)(2) of Section 62-61 (General Provisions Applying to Waterfront Public Access Areas) shall be increased to no more than three feet higher or lower than the adjoining level of the pedestrian circulation path.

127-532 - Upland connections

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For #developments# within Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, #upland connections# shall be provided as specified on Map 6 (Waterfront Access Plan: Public Access Areas) in the Appendix to this Chapter. The applicable provisions of Section 62-56 (Requirements for Upland Connections) and Section 62-

60 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS), inclusive, shall apply except as modified in this Section.

(a) Flexible location zone

For #developments# on Parcels 1, 2 and 3, a single #upland connection# shall be provided pursuant to the following provisions:

(1) If Parcel 1 #develops# before Parcels 2 or 3, a Type 1 #upland connection# shall be provided with a minimum width of 20 feet. The requirements of paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-561 (Types of upland connections) shall not apply and the minimum planting area requirements shall be reduced to 25 percent. Where such #upland connection# is provided without a 20-foot-wide open area, an average maintained level of illumination of not less than one and a half horizontal foot candles (lumens per foot) shall be provided throughout all walkable areas;

(2) If Parcels 1 and 2 are #developed# jointly before Parcel 3, an #upland connection# shall be provided on Parcels 1 and 2, along their southerly boundary, pursuant to the requirements of Sections 62-561 and 62-64 (Design Requirements for Upland Connections). The 20-foot-wide open area required pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-561 shall be provided on Parcel 3, along its northerly boundary, at the time Parcel 3 #develops#. In any event, the required open area shall abut such required upland connection;

(3) If Parcel 3 #develops# before Parcels 1 or 2:

(i) where a #development# is comprised predominantly of #uses# other than those listed under Use Groups IV(B), IX or X, an #upland connection# shall be

provided on Parcel 3 pursuant to the requirements of Section 62-561 and Section 62-64. If such #upland connection# is provided along the northerly boundary of such Parcel, the required 20-foot-wide open area pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-561 shall be satisfied on Parcels 1 and 2, along the southerly boundary, at the time these parcels #develop#. However, in any event, the required open area shall abut such required upland connection;

(ii) where a #development# is comprised predominantly of #uses# listed under Use Groups IV(B), IX or X, a Type 1 #upland connection# shall be provided with a minimum width of 20 feet. The requirements of paragraph (a)(2) of Section 62-561 shall not apply and the minimum planting area requirements shall be reduced to 25 percent; or

(4) If Parcels 2 and 3 are #developed# jointly before Parcel 1, an #upland connection# shall be provided pursuant to the requirements of Sections 62-561 and 62-64.

For any other sequencing or combination of #developments#, a single #upland connection# shall be provided pursuant to the provisions of Sections 62-561 and 62-64 within the flexible location zone on Map 6.

(b) Minimum standards for interim condition

Where an #upland connection# is designated on two or more parcels and only a portion of such #upland connection# can be constructed pursuant to a specific certification, such portion of the #upland connection# may be provided independently to satisfy the requirements of Section 62-56. Where the New York City Fire Department determines that such requirements conflict with the provision of unobstructed width for fire apparatus access roads pursuant to the New York City Fire Code, the design requirements of Section 62-60 shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to accommodate such fire apparatus access roads requirements.

However, all interim conditions shall meet the following requirements:

(1) provide public access from the first upland #street# to the #shore public walkway#; and

(2) for every tree pit required pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of Section 62-64 (Planting) that is not provided, a moveable planter shall be provided.

Such interim condition shall be certified pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of Section 127-542 (Supplemental provisions) and Section 127-61 (Certification for Interim Grading Conditions).

127-533 - Phased development of waterfront public access areas

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When a parcel is undergoing partial #development# or the #zoning lot# corresponding to a parcel is subdivided or reconfigured pursuant to Section 62-812 (Zoning lot subdivision), the City Planning Commission may authorize a phasing plan to implement #waterfront public access area# improvements pursuant to paragraph (c) of Section 62-822 (Modification of waterfront public access area and visual corridor requirements).

However, in Subdistrict B, when partial #development# occurs on the upland portion of Parcels 4, 5 and 7 that is bounded by #publicly accessible private streets# or #streets#, a phasing plan to implement #waterfront public access areas# may be certified pursuant to Section 127-54 (Special Review Provisions), provided that the following requirements are met:

(a) the #waterfront public access area# shall be provided according to the phasing specified in Map 7 (Waterfront Access Plan: Phase I Waterfront Public Access Area Improvements) and Map 8 (Waterfront Access Plan: Phase II Waterfront Public Access Area Improvements). The requirements of Phase I shall apply when #development# occurs on the upland portion of the

parcel bounded by #publicly accessible private streets# and other #streets# as shown on Map 6 (Waterfront Access Plan: Public Access Areas). The requirements of Phase II shall apply when #development# occurs on the seaward portion of the parcel bounded by both the #shoreline# and #publicly accessible private streets#; and

(b) any #upland connection# provided pursuant to Phase I shall meet the design requirements of paragraph (b) of Section 127-532 (Upland connections). For portions of the #shore public walkway# that are provided in Phase I, the requirements of Sections 62-53 (Requirements for Shore Public Walkways) and 62-60 (DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERFRONT PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS) may be modified to the minimum extent necessary to accommodate a temporary waterfront viewing area.

Such phasing plan shall also be certified pursuant to Section 127-61 (Certification for Interim Grading Conditions).

127-54 - Special Review Provisions

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The applicable provisions of Section 62-80 (SPECIAL REVIEW PROVISIONS), inclusive, shall apply, except as specifically modified or supplemented by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

127-541 - Applicability

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The provisions of Section 62-81, inclusive, shall apply to #zoning lots# containing predominantly #uses# listed under Use Groups IV(B), IX or X, subject to the modified #waterfront public access area# provisions of Section 127-50 (FLUSHING WATERFRONT ACCESS PLAN), inclusive.

127-542 - Supplemental provisions

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In conjunction with a certification pursuant to Section 62-811 (Waterfront public access and visual corridors), the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission shall further certify that:

(a) where an #upland connection# is designated on two or more parcels and the portion of such #upland connection# located outside of the applicant's parcel will not be constructed concurrently with the applicant's #development#:

(1) if no prior certification pursuant to this Section was issued for a portion of an #upland connection# on another parcel, the Chairperson shall certify that:

(i) a #conceptual plan# has been submitted for the #publicly accessible private street#. In addition, notification that the applicant is seeking to commence construction of such #publicly accessible private street# shall be given to any other owner whose property contains any remaining portion of the #publicly accessible private street#, along with a copy of such #conceptual plan#;

(ii) a site plan has been submitted, specifying the location, dimensions and grading of the portion of the #upland connection# to be constructed on the applicant's #zoning lot#. Such site plan shall demonstrate compliance with the requirements of paragraph (b) of Section 127-532 (Upland connections); and

(iii) the grading proposed in the #conceptual plan# has been certified pursuant to Section 127-61.

Property owners of the parcel containing a remaining portion of the #upland connection# shall have up to 30 days from the applicant's certified mailing of the notification required in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this Section to respond to the applicant and to confirm for the Chairperson that the construction of the entire #upland connection# is not feasible concurrently with the applicant's #development#. In the event such notified property owners do not respond to the applicant and the Chairperson within the 30-day period, the applicant may proceed with completing this certification. Where a notified property owner responds that it is feasible to complete the portion of the #upland connection# on their parcels concurrently with the applicant's #development#, such property owner shall commence certification pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Section within 45 days from the date of submitting such response. In the event such notified property owners do not commence such certification within the 45-day period, the applicant may proceed with completing this certification.

In addition, where construction of the #upland connection# will not occur concurrently, property owners of parcels containing a remaining portion of the #upland connection# shall have up to 45 days from the date of submitting their response to comment on any anticipated practical difficulties associated with the proposed location, dimensions and grading specified in the #conceptual plan# that

would preclude the reasonable #development# of such owner's parcel. Any submission of comments to the applicant and Chairperson shall include documentation from a licensed architect, landscape architect, or engineer, as applicable, that demonstrates the reason for such anticipated practical difficulties.

Copies of the approved #conceptual plan#, as well as the certified #interim site plan# and #final site plan# shall be forwarded to any property owner of a parcel containing the remaining portion of the #upland connection#.

Any portion of the #upland connection# constructed in compliance with a certified #interim site plan# shall be converted to the final design in compliance with the certified #final site plan# for such portion upon receiving notice from an adjoining property owner as set forth in paragraph (a)(2) of this Section that the remaining portion of the #upland connection# has been substantially completed and is accessible to the public.

(2) If a prior certification pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this Section was issued for a portion of the #upland connection# on another parcel, the Chairperson shall certify that:

(i) a #final site plan# for the applicant's parcel has been submitted that is consistent with the #conceptual plan# from the prior certification; and

(ii) the proposed amenities and design elements within the #final site plan# for the applicant's portion of the #upland connection# shall match or complement those that were previously constructed.

Notice shall be provided to any property owner of a parcel containing a portion of the #upland connection# that has been constructed pursuant to a certified #interim site plan# upon the applicant substantially completing its portion of the #upland connection# and making such portion accessible to the public. Such notice shall be provided to enable such other owner sufficient time, as shall be specified in the restrictive declaration required pursuant to this paragraph (a), to convert any constructed interim condition and complete the #upland connection# in compliance with the previously approved #final site plan#.

A restrictive declaration shall be executed and recorded against the corresponding #zoning lot# of the applicant's parcel, in accordance with the provisions of Section 62-74 (Requirements for Recordation). Required site plans, the #conceptual plan# and a maintenance and capital repair plan for the #upland connection# shall be included as exhibits to the restrictive declaration.

No temporary or final certificate of occupancy shall be issued until the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission notifies the Department of Buildings that the proposed #upland connection#, or portion thereof, has been substantially completed in compliance with the certified #interim site plan# or #final site plan#, and is open to the public. In addition, where a property owner sought certification pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of this Section, no temporary or final certificate of occupancy shall be issued until interim portions of the #upland connection# are completed in compliance with the previously approved the #final site plan# for such portions.

(b) For phased implementation of #waterfront public access areas# pursuant to Section 127-533 (Phased development of waterfront public access areas), a plan has been submitted that complies with the required amount of #waterfront public access area# at each development phase pursuant to Section 127-533.

To ensure the provision of #waterfront public access areas# for phased #developments# occurring in Phase I, as specified on Map 7 (Waterfront Access Plan: Phase I Waterfront Public Access Improvements) in the Appendix to this Chapter, no temporary certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any #development# on the upland portion of each parcel that is bounded by #publicly accessible private streets# or #streets# until all required sections of #waterfront public access areas# designated on Map 7 have been substantially completed pursuant to the design requirements of Section 127-533.

For Phase II subsequent #development# occurring on the seaward portion of Parcels 4, 5 or 7, bounded by both the #shoreline# and #publicly accessible private streets#, all remaining #waterfront public access areas#, as specified on Map 8 (Waterfront Access Plan: Phase II Waterfront Public Access Improvements), shall be substantially completed pursuant to the design requirements of Section 127-533, prior to the issuance of a temporary or final certificate of occupancy. However, 50 percent of the #floor area# of any subsequent #development# on Parcels 4 and 5 may receive a temporary certificate of occupancy upon the completion of the required #shore public walkway# as designated on such parcel. A temporary or final certificate of occupancy for the remaining 50 percent of the #floor area# on Parcels 4 and 5 shall not be issued until all required #waterfront public access areas# pursuant to Map 8 are substantially complete.

An alternate location for the required section of an #upland connection# on Parcel 4 may be provided in Phase I, as specified in Map 7, in the event that Parcel 5 has substantially completed all of the required #waterfront public access areas# prior to partial #development# on the upland portion of Parcel 4. Where such alternate location is provided in Phase I, any subsequent #development# on Parcel 4 may only receive a temporary or final certificate of occupancy upon substantial completion of all required #waterfront public access areas# designated on Map 8.

A certification will be granted on condition that an acceptable restrictive declaration is executed and filed pursuant to Section 62-74 (Requirements for Recordation).