



## Zoning Resolution

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# 143-20 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS

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Within the #Special SoHo-NoHo Mixed Use District#, the #bulk# provisions of Article XII, Chapter 3 are modified by the provisions of this Section.

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## 143-21 - Special Floor Area Regulations

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The applicable #floor area# regulations shall be modified as follows:

- (a) the #floor area ratio# for #community facility uses# shall be 6.5; and
  
  - (b) in M1-6 Districts paired with an R10 District east of Broadway and north of Great Jones Street, the #floor area ratio# for all other non-#residential uses# shall be 7.0.
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## 143-22 - Density

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For all #residential buildings#, or portions thereof, including those existing on December 15, 1961, the factor to determine the maximum number of #dwelling units# shall be 680.

Where a #joint living-work quarters for artists# has utilized the provisions of Section [15-024](#) (Special bulk regulations for certain pre-existing dwelling units, joint living-work quarters for artists and loft dwellings) as alternative density provisions, such provisions shall remain in effect for any subsequent #conversion# to #dwelling units#. However, in applying such provisions, the #dwelling unit# factor provisions of this Section shall apply in lieu of Section [15-111](#) (Number of permitted dwelling units).

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## 143-23 - Special Yard Regulations

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The applicable #rear yard# and #rear yard equivalent# regulations shall be modified as follows:

- (a) Permitted obstructions

In any #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#, any #building# or portion of a #building# used for #commercial#, #manufacturing#, or #residential uses#, other than dwelling units, shall be a permitted obstruction, provided that the height of such #building# shall not exceed one #story#, excluding #basement#, nor in any event 23 feet above #curb

level#.

In addition, in M1-5 Districts paired with an R9X District north of Howard Street, in any #rear yard#, any #building# or portion of a #building# used for any permitted non-#residential use#, shall be a permitted obstruction, provided that the height of such #building#, or portion thereof, shall not exceed two #stories#, excluding #basements#, nor in any event 30 feet above #curb level#.

Any allowance for other permitted obstructions above a #building# in a #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# set forth in Section [43-23](#), shall be permitted above such modified height limitations.

(b) Required #rear yards#

For all #uses#, a #rear yard# with a depth of not less than 20 feet shall be provided at every #rear lot line# on any #zoning lot#, except as follows:

- (1) no #rear yard# shall be required within 100 feet of the point of intersection of two #street lines# intersecting at an angle of 135 degrees or less;
- (2) whenever a #front lot line# of a #zoning lot# coincides with all or part of a #street line# measuring less than 230 feet in length between two intersecting #streets#, no #rear yard# shall be required within 100 feet of such #front lot line#; and
- (3) for #interior lots# where the depth of such #zoning lot#, or a portion thereof, is less than 90 feet, and such shallow depth was in existence on December 15, 1961 and on the date of application for a #building# permit, the required #rear yard# for such #interior lot#, or portion thereof, may be reduced by six inches for each foot by which the depth of a #zoning lot#, or portion thereof, is less than 90 feet. However, in no event shall the minimum depth of a #required yard#, or portion thereof, be reduced to less than 10 feet.

(c) Required #rear yard equivalents#

For #buildings#, or portions thereof, containing non-#residential uses#, no #rear yard equivalent# shall be required on any #through lot# or #through lot# portion of a #zoning lot#.

For #buildings#, or portions thereof, containing #residential uses#, on any #through lot# that is 110 feet or more in maximum depth from #street# to #street#, a #rear yard equivalent# consisting of an open area with a minimum depth of 40 feet midway, or within 10 feet of being midway, between the two #street lines# upon which such #through lot# fronts, shall be provided.

However, for #through lots# where the depth of such #zoning lot#, or a portion thereof, is less than 180 feet, and such shallow depth was in existence on December 15, 1961 and on the date of application for a building permit, the required #rear yard equivalent# for such #through lot#, or portion thereof, may be reduced by one foot for each foot by which the depth of a #zoning lot#, or portion thereof, is less than 180 feet. However, in no event shall the minimum depth of a #required yard#, or portion thereof, be reduced to less than 20 feet.

(d) Along district boundaries

The provisions of [43-30](#) (Special Provisions Applying Along District Boundaries), shall not apply along the district boundaries of two M1 Districts paired with #Residence Districts#.

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## 143-24 - Special Height and Setback Regulations

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For the purposes of this Section, Watts Street, West Broadway, Centre Street, and Great Jones Street shall be considered #wide streets#.

The applicable height and setback regulations are modified as follows:

(a) #Street wall# location

Along all #street# frontages, the #street wall# regulations applicable to #Quality Housing buildings# on a #wide street# in a C6 District, as set forth in Section [35-651](#) (Street wall location), shall apply. On #through lots#, the additional regulations set forth in paragraph (b) of Section [35-655](#) shall not apply.

For the purposes of applying such regulations, the minimum base height a #street wall# shall rise to, without setback, shall be those set forth in paragraph (b) of this Section.

(b) Base heights and maximum #building# heights

The table below sets forth the minimum and maximum base height, and maximum #building# height for all #buildings#.

A setback is required for all portions of a #building# that exceed the maximum base height specified for the applicable district and shall be provided in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Section.

MINIMUM BASE HEIGHT, MAXIMUM BASE HEIGHT,  
AND MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHTS

District	Minimum base height (in feet)	Maximum base height (in feet)	Maximum #building# height (in feet)
M1-5/R7D	60	105	115
M1-5/R7X	60	105	145
M1-5/R9A	60	125	175
M1-5/R9X, north of East Houston Street	60	125	195
M1-5/R9X, south of East Houston Street	85	145	205
M1-5/R10 and M1-6/R10	125	155	275

However, for any #zoning lot# located in a Historic District designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the

minimum and maximum base heights may be modified as follows:

- (1) the minimum base height of a #street wall# may vary between the minimum height set forth in the table above, and the height of the #street wall# of an adjacent #building# before setback, if such height is lower than the minimum base height; and
- (2) the maximum base height of a #street wall# may vary between the maximum base height set forth in the table above, and the height of the #street wall# of an adjacent #building# before setback, if such height is higher than the maximum base height.

(c) Setbacks

At a height not lower than the minimum base height or higher than the maximum base height specified for the applicable district in the table in paragraph (b) of this Section, a setback shall be provided in accordance with paragraph (c) of Section [23-662](#) (Maximum height of buildings and setback regulations) shall apply to such setbacks.

(d) Dormers

As an alternative to the dormer provisions of paragraph (c) of Section [23-623](#), dormers may be a permitted obstruction within a required front setback distance above a maximum base height, provided that the aggregate width of all dormers at the maximum base height does not exceed 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the highest #story# entirely below the maximum base height. Such dormers need not decrease in width as the height above the maximum base height increases.

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## 143-25 - Additional Bulk Modifications

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For #buildings# containing #residences#, or portions thereof, the following additional #bulk# modifications shall apply.

(a) #Outer court# modifications

For #outer courts# containing #legally required windows#, if an #outer court# is less than 20 feet wide, the width of such #outer court# shall be at least equal to the depth of such #outer court#. If an #outer court# is 20 feet or more in width, it may extend to any depth.

(b) #Inner court# modifications

For #inner courts# containing #legally required windows#, the area shall not be less than 600 square feet, and the minimum dimension of such #inner court# shall not be less than 20 feet.

The minimum horizontal distance between a #legally required window# opening on an #inner court# and any wall opposite such window on the same #zoning lot# shall not be less than 20 feet.

(c) Distance between #legally required windows# and #lot lines#

The minimum distance between a #legally required window# and:

- (1) any wall;
- (2) a #rear lot line#, or vertical projection thereof; or

(3) a #side lot line#, or vertical projection thereof;

shall be 20 feet, measured in a horizontal plane at the sill level of, and perpendicular to, such window for the full width of the rough window opening.

(d) Distance between #buildings#

The required minimum distance between the portion of a #building# containing #dwelling units# and any other #building# on the same #zoning lot# shall be 40 feet below a height of 125 feet. Portions of #buildings# above 125 feet that exceed, in aggregate, a #lot coverage# of 40 percent, shall be spaced at least 80 feet apart.