



Zoning Resolution

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32-322 - Alternate ground floor level regulations for certain frontages

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Along the #Tier B street frontage# of a #ground floor level#, as an alternative to the provisions of Section [32-321](#), the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section may be applied where the qualifying criteria set forth in paragraph (a) is met.

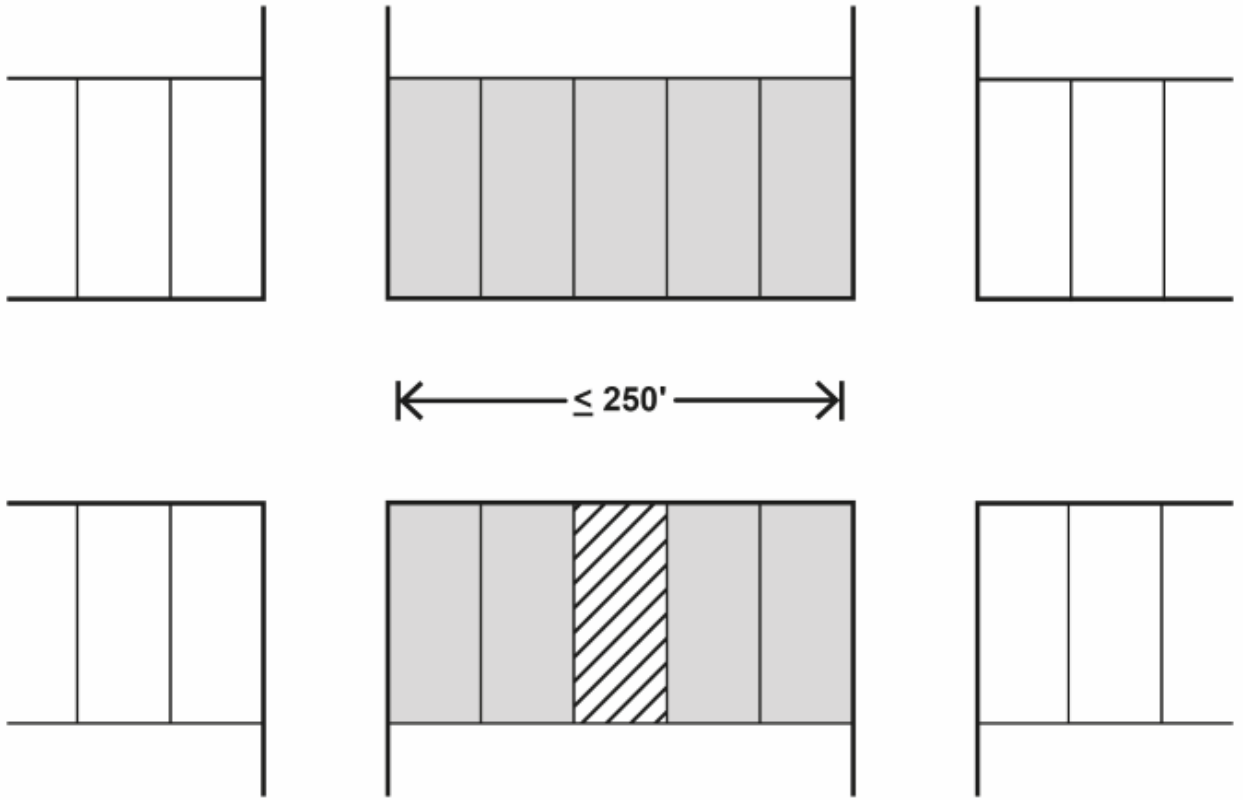
(a) Qualifying criteria

The provisions of this Section may be applied along a #Tier B street frontage# where one of the following criteria are met:



- (1) the #zoning lot# frontage is an #impeded access frontage#;
- (2) there is a #Residence District#, #Manufacturing District# or C3 or C8 District mapped along the same #street# frontage as the #zoning lot# frontage either on the same #block#, or along a portion of the #block# across the #street# from the #zoning lot#;
- (3) the #zoning lot# has multiple #street# frontages, and for #zoning lots# with two #street# frontages, at least one frontage, and for #zoning lots# with three or more #street # frontages, at least two #street# frontages, will meet either the standard requirements for #Tier B street frontages# in Section [32-321](#) or the applicable regulations for #Tier C street frontages#; or

- (4) where, at the time of application for a permit for a #development# or #ground floor level# #enlargement#, less than 75 percent of the #street line# width of #zoning lots# on the ‘social block’ surrounding the subject #zoning lot# are allocated to #zoning lots# with #commercial buildings# or #mixed buildings#.

For the purposes of this Section, the ‘social block’ shall be the portion of the #block# containing the subject #zoning lot# that abuts the #Tier B street frontage#, as well as the portion of the #blocks# immediately across the #Tier B street frontage# from such #block#. Such calculation shall contain all the #zoning lots# along such #block# frontage except that where the width of any such #block# frontage exceeds 250 feet, the calculation need only extend 100 feet from the outermost extents of the subject #zoning lot#, as measured along the #street line#.



Applies if a *block* is less than 250 feet wide

-  Subject zoning lot
-  Zoning lots within the social block

EXAMPLE OF 'SOCIAL BLOCK'

(b) Alternative provisions

Where the qualifying criteria is met, along the #Tier B street frontage# of the #ground floor level#, the following shall apply:

(1) Parking wrap and location

(i) Along #wide streets#

For #ground floor level# frontages along #wide streets#, portions of a #ground floor level# allocated to #accessory# off-street parking facilities or #public parking garages#, except for permitted entrances and exits, shall be located behind #floor area# that is allocated to non-parking #uses#, to a #minimum qualifying depth#, so that no portion of such facility is visible from adjacent public sidewalks. However, for #buildings# with a #street wall# width in excess of 100 feet and with no frontage along another #street# where parking spaces are permitted within a #minimum qualifying depth#, the provisions of paragraph (a)(7)(iii) of Section [32-321](#) may be applied.

(ii) Along other #street# frontages

For #ground floor level# frontages along other frontages, portions of a #ground floor level# allocated to #accessory# off-street parking facilities or #public parking garages#, may be wrapped by #floor area#, or screened, in accordance with the provisions for #Tier A street frontages# set forth in paragraph (a) of Section 32-312. No open parking shall be visible from adjacent public sidewalks.

(2) Blank walls

Along the #Tier B street frontage# of a #ground floor level#, for any #blank walls#, at least 70 percent of the surface area of such #blank wall# shall be mitigated with wall treatment, in the form of permitted #signs#, subject to the provisions of Section [32-60](#), murals or other visual artwork, or living plant material. Any portion of a murals or other artwork that incorporates addresses, text or logos related to the #building# or

tenants therein, shall be considered a #sign#.