**Zoning Resolution**

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
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# 74-18 - Recreation, Entertainment, and Assembly Spaces

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## 74-181 - Recreation, entertainment and assembly space uses

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In C1 or C2 Districts that are not #select commercial overlays#, in all other #Commercial Districts# and in #Manufacturing Districts#, the City Planning Commission may permit modifications to #uses# listed under Use Group VIII, as set forth in Sections 32-18 and 42-18 (Use Group VIII – Recreation, Entertainment and Assembly Spaces), pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section, provided that the findings in paragraph (b) are met.

(a) For #uses# listed under Use Group VIII, other than those #uses# for which another permit exists pursuant to Section 74-18, inclusive, the Commission may permit modifications to a size limitation, denoted in the Use Group table with an "S", beyond any size limitation established by special permit of the Board of Standards and Appeals pursuant to Section 73-18, inclusive.

In conjunction with such size modification, the Commission may permit: modifications to supplementary #use# regulations, including enclosure and location within #buildings# provisions; or modifications to additional conditions, denoted in the Use Group table with a "P", including environmental standards, geographic limitations, or other measures.

(b) In order to grant such permit, the Commission shall find that:

(1) such #use# will not impair the character or the future use or development of the surrounding area;

(2) such #use# will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion and will not unduly inhibit surface traffic and pedestrian flow; and

(3) the modifications are necessary to support the operation of such #use#.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

## 74-182 - Arenas, auditoriums, stadiums or trade expositions

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C4 C6 C7 C8 M1 M2 M3

(a) The City Planning Commission may permit arenas, auditoriums or stadiums, or trade expositions, as listed in Use Group VIII, with a capacity in excess of 2,500 seats for arenas, auditoriums or stadiums, or with a rated capacity in excess of 2,500 persons for trade expositions, provided that the following findings are made:

(1) that the principal vehicular access for such #use# is not located on a local #street# but is located on an arterial highway, a major #street# or a secondary #street# within one-quarter mile of an arterial highway or major #street#;

(2) that such #use# is so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #streets# in nearby residential areas;

(3) that such #use# is not located within 200 feet of a #Residence District#;

(4) that adequate reservoir space at the vehicular entrance, and sufficient vehicular entrances and exits, are provided to prevent traffic congestion;

(5) that vehicular entrances and exits for such #use# are provided separately and are located not less than 100 feet apart; and

(6) that due consideration has been given to the proximity of bus and rapid transit facilities to serve such #use#.

(b) In Community District 7 in the Borough of the Bronx, the Commission may permit an indoor arena with a maximum seating capacity of 17,000 within 200 feet of a #Residence District# and, in conjunction with such arena, permit modifications to #sign# regulations and parking or loading regulations, provided that:

(1) the provisions of paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(4), (a)(5) and (a)(6) of this Section are met;

(2) open space surrounding such arena will be located and arranged to provide adequate pedestrian gathering areas to minimize disruption to the surrounding areas;

(3) the arena includes noise attenuation features and measures which serve to reduce arena-related noise in the surrounding area, including at nearby #residences#;

(4) where the #sign# regulations are modified, a #signage# plan has been submitted showing the location, size, height and illumination of all #signs# on the #zoning lot#, and the

Commission finds that all such #signs#, and any illumination from or directed upon such #signs#, are located and arranged so as to minimize any negative effects from the arena #use# on nearby #residences#; and

(5) where the parking or loading regulations are modified, a loading plan has been submitted that addresses the operational needs of all servicers of the arena and shows the number, location and arrangement of all loading berths on the #zoning lot#, and the Commission finds that such loading plan is adequate to address the loading demand generated by the arena #use# and has received assurances that the arena operator will implement such plan in accordance with its terms.

(c) In the Pennsylvania Station Subarea B4 of the Farley Corridor Subdistrict B of the #Special Hudson Yards District#, the Commission may permit arenas with seating in excess of 2,500 persons, provided that the following findings are made:

(1) the provisions of paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this Section are met; and

(2) the proposed loading for the arena will not unduly: interfere with the use of public spaces; interfere with transit facilities; interrupt the flow of pedestrian traffic in the pedestrian circulation network; or interfere with the efficient functioning of adjacent #streets# including for the staging or queuing of vehicles for loading or for security checks. An application for this special permit shall include a loading operations plan that describes the number, location and arrangement of all loading berths on the #zoning lot# as well as the location and management of off-site storage and staging of vehicles associated with the arena #use#. The plan shall be referred to the Department of Transportation and affected transit agencies for a report or recommendations on the plan. The Commission shall, in its determination, give due consideration to these reports and recommendations.

The Commission may require that, within six months of approval of the special permit, the applicant submit to the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission a transportation management plan, developed in consultation with the Department of City Planning and the Department of Transportation, to detail the loading operations plan. The Chairperson shall certify that the loading operations, as described in the transportation management plan, comply with the relevant conditions of the Commission's resolution.

Special Coney Island District

(d) On Parcels B and G in the Coney West Subdistrict of the #Special Coney Island District#, the Commission may permit an arena with up to 6,000 seats and, in conjunction with such arena, permit modifications to #sign# and parking and loading regulations, provided that:

(1) the provisions of paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(4), (a)(5) and (a)(6) of this Section are met;

(2) adequate pedestrian gathering, queueing and circulation spaces for such arena are provided to minimize disruption to the surrounding area, including at nearby #residences#, #public parks# and other publicly accessible open spaces;

(3) the arena will include noise attenuation features and measures which serve to reduce arena-related noise in the surrounding area, including at nearby #residences#, #public parks# and other publicly accessible open spaces;

(4) where #sign# regulations are modified, a signage plan has been submitted showing the location, size, height and illumination of all #signs# on the #zoning lot#, and the Commission finds that all such #signs#, and any illumination from or directed upon such #signs#, are located and arranged so as to minimize any negative effects from the arena #use# on nearby #residences#, #public parks# and other publicly accessible open spaces;

(5) where parking regulations are modified, such waiver or reduction of parking spaces will not have undue adverse impacts on the residents, businesses or community facilities in the surrounding area; and

(6) where loading regulations are modified, a loading plan has been submitted that addresses the operational needs of all servicers of the arena and shows the number, location and arrangement of all loading berths on the #zoning lot#, and the Commission finds that such loading plan is adequate to address the loading demand generated by the arena #use#.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, including limitations on #signs#, requirements for soundproofing of arenas or auditoriums, shielding of floodlights, screening of open #uses# or surfacing all access roads or driveways. The Commission may also prescribe requirements for pedestrian-accessible open areas surrounding the arena, auditorium or stadium, including #accessory# directional or building identification #signs# located therein.

In addition, within Pennsylvania Station Subarea B4 of the #Special Hudson Yards District#, design changes to existing #plazas# located within such pedestrian-accessible open areas may be made without a certification by the Chairperson of the Commission pursuant to Section 37-625, and the design standards of Section 37-70, inclusive, shall not apply to such #plazas#.

## 74-183 - Drive-in theaters

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In C7 or C8 Districts or any #Manufacturing District#, the City Planning Commission may permit drive-in theaters listed under Use Group VIII, limited to a maximum capacity of 500 automobiles, provided that the following findings are made:

(a) that the principal vehicular access for such #use# is not located on a local #street# or an arterial highway but is located on a major or secondary #street# within one-quarter mile of an arterial highway;

(b) that such #use# is so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #streets# in nearby residential areas;

(c) that such #use# is not located within 200 feet of a #Residence District#;

(d) that adequate reservoir space at the vehicular entrance, and sufficient vehicular entrances and exits, are provided to prevent congestion; and

(e) that vehicular entrances and exits for such #use# are provided separately and are located not less than 100 feet apart.

The 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, screening or surfacing all access roads or driveways.

## 74-184 - Racetracks

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In C8 Districts or any #Manufacturing District#, the City Planning Commission may permit racetracks listed under Use Group VIII, provided that the following findings are made:

(a) that the principal vehicular access for such #use# is not located on a local #street# but is located either on an arterial highway, a major #street#, or a secondary #street# within one-quarter mile of an arterial highway or major #street#;

(b) that such #use# is so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #streets# in nearby residential areas;

(c) that adequate reservoir space at the vehicular entrance, and sufficient vehicular entrances and exits, are provided to prevent congestion;

(d) that vehicular entrances and exits for such #use# are provided separately and are located not less than 100 feet apart; and

(e) that, in selecting the site, due consideration has been given to the proximity and adequacy of bus and rapid transit facilities.

The 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, screening or surfacing all access roads or driveways.

In addition, the Commission shall require the provision of adequate #accessory# off-street parking spaces necessary to prevent the creation of traffic congestion caused by the curb parking of vehicles generated by such #use#, and shall determine the required spaces in accordance with the requirements established in this Resolution with respect to other major traffic generating #uses#.