Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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32-64 - Surface Area and Illumination Provisions

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LAST AMENDED
2/27/2001

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, all permitted #signs# shall be subject to the restrictions on #surface area# and illumination as set forth in this Section, provided that the following #signs# shall be exempted from such restrictions on #surface area#:

> #Illuminated# non-#flashing signs# other than #advertising signs# located in a window within a #building#, with a total #surface area# not exceeding eight square feet on any #zoning lot# and limited to not more than three such #signs# in any window.

For the purpose of determining permitted #surface area# of #signs# for #zoning lots# occupied by more than one establishment, any portion of such #zoning lot# occupied by a #building# or part of a #building# accommodating one or more establishments on the ground floor may be considered as a separate #zoning lot#.

No #illuminated sign# shall have a degree or method of illumination which exceeds standards established by the Department of Buildings by rule pursuant to the City Administrative Procedure Act. Such standards shall ensure that illumination on any #illuminated sign# does not project or reflect on #residences#, #loft dwellings# or #joint living-work quarters for artists# so as to interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment thereof. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize a #sign with indirect illumination# to arrange an external artificial source of illumination so that direct rays of light are projected from such artificial source into #residences#, #loft dwellings# or #joint living-work quarters for artists#.

32-641 - Total surface area of signs

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, the total #surface area# of all permitted #signs#, including non-#illuminated# or #illuminated signs#, shall not exceed the limitation established for non-#illuminated signs#, as set forth in Section 32-642.

32-642 - Non-illuminated signs

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, non-#illuminated signs# with total #surface areas# not exceeding those shown in the following table are permitted:

District	Maximum Surface Area
C3	50 square feet

C1 C2	Three times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# (in feet), but in no event more than 150 sq. ft. for #interior# or #through lots# or 150 sq. ft. on each frontage for #corner lots#.
C5-1 C5-2 C5-3 C5-5	Three times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# (in feet), but in no event more than 200 sq. ft. for #interior# or #through lots# or 200 sq. ft. on each frontage for #corner lots#.
C4 C5-4 C6-1 C6-2 C6-3 C6-4 C6-6 C6-8 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12 C7	Five times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# (in feet), but in no event more than 500 sq. ft. for #interior# or #through lots# or 500 sq. ft. on each frontage for #corner lots#.
C8	Six times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# (in feet), but in no event more than 750 sq. ft. for each #sign#.
C6-5 C6-7	No restrictions as to size

32-643 - Illuminated non-flashing signs

LAST AMENDED

12/15/1961

C1 C2

In the districts indicated, #illuminated# non-#flashing signs# are permitted with a total #surface area# (in square feet) not exceeding three times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# in feet, but in no event shall the total #surface area# exceed 50 square feet for #interior# or #through lots# or 50 square feet on each frontage for #corner lots#.

32-644 - Illuminated or flashing signs in C4, C5-4, C6 or C7 Districts

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C4 C5-4 C6 C7

In the districts indicated, #illuminated# or #flashing signs# with total #surface areas# not exceeding those shown in the following table are permitted:

District	Maximum Surface Area (in square feet)
C4 C5-4 C6-1 C6-2 C6-3 C6-4 C6-6 C6-8 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12 C7	Five times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# (in feet), but in no event more than 500 square feet for #interior# or #through lots# or 500 square feet on each frontage for #corner lots#.

C6-5 C6-7	No restrictions as to size

However, in a C6-1A District, #flashing signs# are not permitted.

32-645 - Illuminated or flashing signs in C8 Districts

LAST AMENDED
4/8/1998

C8

In the district indicated, #illuminated# or #flashing signs#, other than #advertising signs#, and #advertising signs# with indirect illumination, are permitted, provided that the total #surface area# of all such #signs# (in square feet) shall not exceed five times the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# (in feet) and that the #surface area# of each #sign# shall not exceed 500 square feet.