Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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37-21 - Special at-grade Screening and Enclosure Regulations

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In all districts, other than C8 Districts, all #energy infrastructure equipment# and #accessory# mechanical equipment shall be subject to the following provisions when not located on a #building# rooftop or within a #completely enclosed building#, whether or not such equipment is located within a required #open space#, #yard#, or #court#:

(a) all generators and cogeneration equipment utilizing fossil fuels which are #accessory# to #buildings# other than #single-# or #two-family# #residences# shall be completely enclosed within a #building or other structure#, except as necessary for mechanical ventilation;

(b) all other types of equipment, including generators and cogeneration equipment serving #single-# or #two-family# #residences#, may be unenclosed, provided that such equipment is located at least five feet from any #side# or #rear lot line# and where located between a #street wall#, or prolongation thereof, and the #street line#, such equipment is within three feet of a #street wall#; and

(c) where the area bounding all such equipment, as drawn by a rectangle from its outermost perimeter in plan view, exceeds 25 square feet, such equipment shall be screened in its entirety on all sides. Such screening may be opaque or perforated, provided that where perforated materials are provided, not more than 50 percent of the face is open.

(d) However, no screening shall be required for:

(1) equipment with a depth limited to 18 inches from an exterior wall;

(2) solar energy systems; and

(3) wind energy systems.