Zoning Resolution

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81-45 - Pedestrian Circulation Space

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Within the #Special Midtown District#, all #developments# or #enlargements# constructed after May 13, 1982, on #zoning lots# of 5,000 square feet or larger with more than 70,000 square feet of new #floor area#, shall provide pedestrian circulation space on such #zoning lot# in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-50, as modified by the provisions of this Section.

The requirements for pedestrian circulation space may be met by providing one or more of the following types of spaces: arcade, #building# entrance recess area, corner arcade, corner circulation space, relocation or renovation of a subway stair, sidewalk widening, subway station improvement, through #block# connection or #public plaza#.

In addition to the types of pedestrian circulation spaces listed in Section 37-50, the following may be counted toward meeting the minimum pedestrian circulation space requirement:

(a) up to a maximum of 3,000 square feet of an access improvement to rail mass transit provided pursuant to Section 81-48 (Off-Street Improvement of Access to Rail Mass Transit Facility);

(b) within the Theater Subdistrict, theater waiting space provided pursuant to Section 81-451 (Theater waiting space).

However, pedestrian circulation space shall not be required if any of the following conditions exist:

(1) the #zoning lot# is entirely occupied by a #building# of no more than one #story# in height;

(2) the #zoning lot# is an #interior lot# fronting on a #wide street# with less than 80 feet of #street# frontage;

(3) the #zoning lot# is an #interior lot# or #through lot# fronting only on a #street# or #streets# where arcades, sidewalk widenings or #public plazas# are prohibited;

(4) the #zoning lot# is an #interior lot# fronting on either 34th Street, 42nd Street, 57th Street or Fifth Avenue, with another interior frontage of lesser length on any other #street#; or

(5) the #zoning lot# is a #through lot# with both #street# frontages less than 25 feet in length.

#Developments# or #enlargements# on a #zoning lot# having a full #block# frontage on a #wide street# other than Fifth Avenue, 34th Street, 42nd Street or 57th Street shall provide a minimum of 50 percent of their required pedestrian circulation space on that #street#. In the case of a #zoning lot# having two full #block# frontages on #wide streets#, this minimum amount may be allocated on either one or both #wide streets#; where each #street# bounding a #zoning lot# with at least one full #block# frontage is a #wide street#, the minimum amount may be allowed on one or more of those #wide streets#.

Where pedestrian circulation space is provided along Seventh Avenue or Broadway between 43rd and 50th Streets, #signs# and marquees shall be permitted as exceptions to the requirements relating to permitted obstructions in Section 37-50.

Special dimensional requirements for arcades and sidewalk widenings along designated #streets# are set forth in Section 37-53 (Design Standards for Pedestrian Circulation Spaces). Where a new #building# or #enlarged# portion of an existing #building# provides an arcade, no obstructions, including columns, shall be permitted within such arcade, and the maximum height of such arcade shall be 20 feet and the maximum width shall be 10 feet. Arcades or sidewalk widenings shall not be permitted on 34th Street, 42nd Street, 57th Street or Fifth Avenue frontages or on any #street# frontage within the Preservation Subdistrict. Between 43rd and 50th Streets, no arcades shall be permitted parallel to and along Seventh Avenue or Broadway.

81-451 - Theater waiting space

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Theater waiting space shall be an unobstructed area providing outdoor waiting space for a theater audience, located immediately adjacent to the sidewalk and to a theater listed in Section 81-742 (Listed theaters) or a new theater designed and intended to show live theatrical performances. Theater waiting space may be located on the same #zoning lot# occupied by a theater or a #zoning lot# immediately adjacent to a theater, and shall meet the following requirements:

(a) such space shall adjoin and open onto a sidewalk or sidewalk widening for its entire length and shall have a minimum length of 30 feet measured parallel to the #street line# and a minimum clear depth of 10 feet measured perpendicular to the #street line# exclusive of any columns. Its level shall be entirely the same as that of the adjoining sidewalk. When located under an overhanging portion of a #building or other structure#, it shall have a minimum clear height of 15 feet and be free of any obstructions except for #building# columns;

(b) such space shall provide direct access to a #building's# entrance or the theater's lobby. Where the theater and the theater waiting space are on separate #zoning lots#, a plaque shall be provided within the theater waiting space adjacent to the theater stating that the space is available as a waiting area for the theater audience. Such plaque shall be placed between four feet and six feet above #curb level#, and shall be visible from the sidewalk;

(c) such space shall not adjoin a driveway or an off-street loading berth; and

(d) the entire theater waiting space shall be illuminated with a minimum level of not less than eight horizontal foot-candles (lumens per foot).

The theater waiting space may overlap with an arcade, a #building# entrance recess area, a corner arcade, a corner circulation space or a sidewalk widening. However, the area of overlap may only be counted once toward the fulfillment of the required minimum area of pedestrian circulation space.