Zoning Resolution

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144-20 - SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS

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Within the #Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District#, the #bulk# provisions of Article IV, Chapter 3 are modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

144-21 - Floor Area Regulations

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The underlying #floor area# regulations of Section 43-10 (FLOOR AREA REGULATIONS), inclusive, are modified by the provisions of Sections 144-211 (Floor area ratio) through 144-213 (Floor area limitations on additional uses).

144-211 - Floor area ratio

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In all districts, the maximum #floor area ratio# for all #uses# shall be 2.0.

144-212 - Floor area ratio calculations

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For the purposes of calculating #floor area# on #waterfront zoning lots#, the provisions of Section 62-31 (Bulk Computations on Waterfront Zoning Lots) shall apply.

144-213 - Floor area limitations on additional uses

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The additional #uses# allowed pursuant to Section 144-11 (Additional Uses Allowed in M2 Districts) shall be limited to 300,000 square feet of #floor area# within each Subdistrict where such additional #uses# are allowed, and the total #floor area# allocated to such additional #commercial uses# shall not exceed 100,000 square feet in each Subdistrict where the additional #uses# are allowed.

144-22 - Yard and Shoreline Setback

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The underlying #yards# regulations of Section 43-20 (YARD REGULATIONS), inclusive, and Section 43-31 (Other Special Provisions for Rear Yards) shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the provisions of this Section shall apply.

In all districts, no #building# shall be located closer to the #shoreline# than 30 feet, except for #buildings# used for water dependent #uses#, as set forth in Section 62-21 (Classification of Uses in the Waterfront Area), or #buildings# containing not more than 5,000 square feet of #floor area#.

The #shoreline# setback requirement shall be reduced in dimension, or eliminated, where the Chair of the City Planning Commission certifies to the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings or the

Commissioner of the Department of Small Business Services, as applicable, that either:

(a) a #building# proposed to be located within such 30-foot setback area incorporates flood protection measures for the immediate area of the #building# that protect the #building# to a level that is 58 inches above the mean high water line existing on December 15, 2021; or

(b) a district-wide resiliency plan for the #Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District# has been adopted and the measures to be incorporated in connection with the #development# or already in place are in furtherance of the district-wide plan.

Measures shall be deemed protective if they alone or together with other measures in place at the time of construction protect the #building# from flooding to the elevation set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section or if they would support protection of the entire #Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District# to such elevation without further improvement of the portion of area directly seaward of the proposed #building#.

The Chairperson shall certify the application within 45 days of receipt of a complete application. Failure to certify within the 45-day period will release the Department of Buildings or the Department of Small Business Services from any obligation to withhold the excavation or building permit and authorize such agency to determine compliance with the provisions of this Section.

144-23 - Height and Setback Regulations

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The underlying height and setback regulations of Section 43-40 (HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS) are modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive.

144-231 - Flushing East Subarea

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In the Flushing East Subarea, the following height and setback modifications shall apply:

(a) Wide street designation

For purposes of applying the height and setback controls, Flushing Avenue shall be deemed a #wide street#.

(b) Street wall location

The #street wall# of any #development# or horizontal #enlargement# within the Flushing East Subarea shall be located at least 50 feet from the Flushing Avenue #street line#. The area between such #development# or horizontal #enlargement# and the adjoining #street# shall be improved as publicly accessible space in accordance with Section 144-30 (SPECIAL PUBLIC ACCESS AREA REGULATIONS).

(c) View corridors

View corridors with a minimum width of 50 feet shall be provided:

(1) within the Vanderbilt Avenue view corridor; and

(2) within one of the Clinton Avenue or Waverly Avenue view corridors.

The locations of such required view corridors are designated on Map 4 in the Appendix to this Chapter.

No #development# or #enlargement# may be located in the required view corridors, provided that gates and fencing, entry signage, sentry booths, and other entry and security measures may be located within such areas. Any gates or fencing shall be designed to allow for views into the #Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District#.

144-232 - Barge Basin Subdistrict

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In the Barge Basin Subdistrict, as shown on Map 5 in the Appendix to this Chapter, the height and setback regulations set forth in Section 43-40 (HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS), inclusive, shall apply, as modified by the provisions of this Section.

For purposes of applying the height and setback provisions of this Section, the #street walls# of #abutting# #buildings# shall be considered a single #building# #street wall#.

(a) Sidewalk widening

A sidewalk widening shall be provided along Kent Avenue to the extent necessary so that a minimum width of 15 feet is achieved, including portions within and beyond the #zoning lot#. Such sidewalk widening shall be:

(1) improved as a sidewalk to Department of Transportation standards;

(2) at the same level as the adjoining public sidewalk; and

(3) accessible to the public at all times.

The interior boundary of the sidewalk widening shall be considered the #street line# for the purposes of this Section.

(b) Establishing #street lines# along #Barge Basin#

For the purposes of applying the height and setback regulations of this Section to portions of #buildings# fronting #Barge Basin# and prolongations thereof, the following shall be considered #street lines# along a #wide street#:

(1) Along the long dimension of the #Barge Basin#

Along the long dimension of the #Barge Basin# a line offset 40 feet northeast from the northeastern boundary of the #Barge Basin# in the Barge Basin East Subarea, and a line offset 50 feet southwest from the southwestern boundary of the #Barge Basin# in the Barge Basin West Subarea, shall be considered #street lines#.

The area between the #Barge Basin# and such #street lines# shall be improved as publicly accessible areas in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 144-30 (SPECIAL PUBLIC ACCESS AREA REGULATIONS), inclusive.

(2) Along the short dimension of the #Barge Basin#

Along the short dimension of the #Barge Basin#, the southeasterly boundaries of the Barge Basin Subdistrict, including the boundary extending from the centerline prolongation of Taylor Street, and the boundary constructed from an offset of the

southeastern terminus of the #Barge Basin#, shall be considered #street lines#.

Within the area between the #Barge Basin# and such #street lines# shall be an area adjacent to the short dimension of the #Barge Basin# that connects the Barge Basin East Subarea pedestrian esplanade and the Barge Basin West Subarea pedestrian esplanade that shall be:

(i) improved as a sidewalk to Department of Transportation standards;

(ii) at the same level as the adjoining public sidewalk; and

(iii) accessible to the public at all times the public access areas are required to be open to the public, pursuant to Section 144-33 (Hours of Operation).

The locations of these #street lines#, are shown on Map 5 in the Appendix to this Chapter.

(c) #Street wall# location, and articulation

At least 70 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# facing #Barge Basin# shall be located within eight feet of the #street line# and shall extend to at least a minimum base height of 30 feet, or two #stories#, whichever is lower. The remaining #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed beyond eight feet of the #street line#, provided that any recesses deeper than 10 feet are located within an #outer court#.

Any open area between a #street wall# and the #street lines# along #Barge Basin# that is within eight feet of such #street line# shall be improved as publicly accessible areas in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 144-30, inclusive. Open areas between the #street line# and #street walls# that are beyond eight feet of such #street line# may be

publicly accessible areas, as needed, to achieve the minimum percentage of public access area required by each Subarea pursuant to Section 144-31 (Required Public Access Area).

For those portions of #buildings# facing #Barge Basin# with a #street wall# width exceeding 200 feet, a minimum of 20 percent of the surface area of such #street wall# up to the height of the second #story#, or 30 feet, whichever is lower, and a maximum of 50 percent of such surface area, shall either recess or project from the remaining surface area of the #street wall# by a minimum of three feet. #Building# projections shall be a permitted obstruction within any open area between the #street wall# and #street line#, including publicly accessible areas, provided that the minimum percentage of public access area required by each Subarea pursuant to Section 144-31 remains open to the sky. Additional permitted obstructions are allowed in accordance with paragraph (a) of Section 144-32 (Design Requirements).

(d) Base heights, required setbacks, and dormers

The front setback provisions applicable to an M1-5 District set forth in Section 43-43 (Maximum Height of Front Wall and Required Front Setbacks) shall apply, except as modified by the provisions of this Section. The alternate front setback regulations of Section 43-44 (Alternate Front Setbacks) shall not apply.

(1) #Initial setback distances#

The #initial setback distance# regulations shall be modified as follows:

(i) along the #Barge Basin#, such #initial setback distance# shall have a depth of at least 30 feet from the #street line#;

(ii) along all other #wide streets#, such #initial setback distance# shall have a depth of at least 15 feet from the #street line#; and

(iii) such #initial setback distance# shall be provided at a height not lower than the minimum base height, where applicable, nor higher than a maximum base height of 85 feet, or six #stories#, whichever is lower.

(2) Dormers

Along the #Barge Basin# frontages, dormers shall be a permitted obstruction within an #initial setback distance#, provided that:

(i) the depth of such dormers does not exceed 10 feet for #buildings# fronting along the northeastern boundary of the #Barge Basin# or 20 feet for #buildings# fronting along the southwestern boundary;

(ii) the #street wall# width of such dormer does not exceed 30 percent of the #street wall# width of the #building# above the maximum base height; and

(iii) the #street wall# width of such dormer along a single tower does not exceed 100 feet.

(e) Towers

The allowances for towers to penetrate a #sky exposure plane# applicable to an M1-5 District, as set forth in Section 43-45 (Tower Regulations), shall apply, except as modified by the provisions of this Section.

The tower allowances shall be modified as follows:

(1) for the purposes of determining the #lot area# a tower may occupy, the Barge Basin East Subarea and the Barge Basin West Subarea shall each be considered an individual #zoning lot#;

(2) the underlying setback provisions, including the aggregate area permitted within 40 feet of a #wide street#, shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the setbacks and dormer allowances set forth in paragraph (d) of this Section shall apply; and

(3) the #street wall# width of a tower fronting #Barge Basin# shall not exceed 200 feet within 200 feet of the #street line# fronting #Barge Basin#.

144-24 - Special Permit for Modification of Bulk Regulations

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Within the #Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District# the City Planning Commission may, by special permit, allow modifications to the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter and the underlying #bulk# regulations, except #floor area# regulations, provided the Commission finds that:

(a) such modifications further the needs and objectives of the #Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District#;

(b) such #bulk# modifications will result in a better site plan and will benefit the occupants and users of the #Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District# and the residents of the surrounding neighborhood;

(c) such #bulk# modifications will permit adequate access to light and air to surrounding public access areas, #streets# and properties; and

(d) such distribution of #bulk# will not unduly increase the #bulk# of #buildings# in the #Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District# to the detriment of the occupants or users of #buildings# in the #Special Brooklyn Navy Yard District# or on nearby #blocks#.

The Commission may impose appropriate conditions and safeguards to assure that such modifications will not adversely affect the surrounding area.