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Chapter 6 - Comprehensive Off-street Parking Regulations in the Long Island City Area

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16-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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The provisions of this Chapter establish special comprehensive regulations for off-street parking in the Long Island City area, as defined in Section 16-02 (Definitions).

These regulations will allow parking to be provided in a manner that supports a mass transit and pedestrian-oriented central mixed use district.

16-01 - General Provisions

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Except as modified by the express provisions of this Chapter, the regulations of the underlying zoning districts shall remain in effect.

16-02 - Definitions

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Long Island City area

For the purposes of this Chapter, “Long Island City area” shall refer to the area within the boundaries shown on the map in Section 16-03.

16-03 - Map of Long Island City area

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The #Long Island City area# is shown on the following map for the purpose of specifying areas where special regulations and requirements set forth in this Chapter apply.

Long Island City Area

16-04 - Areas A, B and C

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Areas A, B and C are established within the #Long Island City area#, the boundaries of which are shown on the map in Section 16-03.

16-05 - Applicability

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16-051 - Applicability of parking regulations within the Long Island City area

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The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages#, as set forth in this Section.

(a) For #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking garages# and #public parking lots# constructed prior to October 25, 1995, or existing #buildings# #developed# without parking, the number of parking spaces required or permitted shall be set forth in Section 16-07 (Existing Buildings and Off-street Parking Facilities).

(b) For #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages# #developed# or #enlarged# after October 25, 1995, the number of parking spaces permitted in a parking facility shall be as set forth in Section 16-10 (PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA). Special rules shall apply to all such #accessory# off-street parking spaces, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages#, as set forth in Section 16-20.

(c) Any increase in the number of off-street parking spaces in an #accessory# off-street parking facility, #public parking lot# or #public parking garage# resulting in a capacity not otherwise allowed under the applicable regulations of Section 16-10, shall be permitted only by the City

Planning Commission, pursuant to the applicable special permit in Section 16-35 (Special Permits), inclusive.

16-052 - Applicability of parking regulations for large-scale residential developments within the Long Island City area

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The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to #large-scale residential developments# utilizing Sections 78-41 (Location of Accessory Parking Spaces) or 78-42 (Parking Regulations for Commercial and Community Facility Uses).

16-053 - Applicability of Special Purpose Districts within the Long Island City area

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In addition to the provisions of this Chapter, further requirements relating to the #Long Island City area# can be found in the following Special Purpose Districts:

(a) the #Special Long Island City Mixed Use District#, as set forth in Section 117-54 (Off-street Parking and Loading Regulations); and

(b) the #Special Southern Hunters Point District#, as set forth in Section 125-50 (PARKING REGULATIONS), inclusive.

16-06 - Previously Approved Special Permits or Authorizations

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Any authorization or special permit relating to parking regulations in the #Long Island City area# granted by the City Planning Commission or Board of Standards and Appeals prior to October 25, 1995, may be started or continued, in accordance with the terms thereof, or as such terms may subsequently be modified, pursuant to the regulations in effect at the time such authorization or special permit was granted. However, any special permit granted for a parking facility in the #Long Island City area# by the Commission or Board prior to December 15, 1961, may be continued without the need for renewal pursuant to Section 11-411 (Renewals), provided that the facts upon which the special permit was granted have not substantially changed.

All such authorizations or special permits requiring renewal shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 11-42 (Lapse of Authorization of Special Permit Granted by the City Planning Commission Pursuant to the 1961 Zoning Resolution) and 11-43 (Renewal of Authorization or Special Permit). However, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the renewal of any special permit or authorization for a #public parking lot#.

Any subsequent modifications to such authorizations or special permits that involve an increase in the number of off-street parking spaces provided shall only be permitted by the applicable special permit provisions of Section 16-35.

16-07 - Existing Buildings and Off-street Parking Facilities

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The provisions of this Section shall apply to existing required or permitted #accessory# off-street parking spaces, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages#, established prior to October 25, 1995, in the #Long Island City area#, as applicable, and to existing #buildings# #developed# without the provision of parking.

Existing required or permitted #accessory# off-street parking spaces, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages# established prior to October 25, 1995, shall be subject to the applicable zoning district regulations in effect prior to October 25, 1995, except that:

(a) any reduction or elimination of existing #accessory# off-street parking spaces that were required under the applicable provisions in effect prior to October 25, 1995, shall only be allowed by authorization of the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 16-342 (Reduction in the number of required existing parking spaces); and

(b) any increase in the number of parking spaces in an existing parking facility or the creation of a new parking facility associated with an existing #building# #developed# without parking shall only be allowed by the Commission as follows:

(1) the Commission may authorize a limited increase pursuant to the provisions of Section 16-341 (Limited increase in parking spaces for existing buildings); and

(2) the Commission may permit an increase in the number of off-street parking spaces beyond the thresholds of Section 16-341 only pursuant to the applicable provisions of Section 13-45 (Special Permits for Additional Parking Spaces).

16-10 - PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA

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No parking shall be required for the #Long Island City area#. Off-street parking spaces located within #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages# in the #Long Island City area# shall be allowed only as set forth in this Section, inclusive.

All such parking facilities shall be subject to the applicable regulations set forth in Section 16-20.

16-11 - Permitted Parking for Residences

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#Accessory# off-street parking spaces are permitted for #residences# in #developments# or #enlargements#, as follows:

(a) within Area A, as shown on the map in Section 16-03, #accessory# off-street parking spaces may be provided for not more than 50 percent of the total number of new #dwelling units# contained in the #development# or #enlargement#, or 200 spaces, whichever is less; and

(b) within Areas B and C, as shown on the map, #accessory# off-street parking spaces may be provided for not more than 100 percent of the total number of new #dwelling units# contained in the #development# or #enlargement#.

16-12 - Permitted Parking for Non-residential Uses

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#Accessory# off-street parking spaces are permitted for non-#residential uses# in #developments# or #enlargements#, as follows:

(a) #Transient hotels#

For #transient hotel# #developments# or #enlargements#, a maximum of 150 #accessory# off-street parking spaces are permitted if there is only one entrance to the #accessory# #group parking facility# and a maximum of 225 #accessory# off-street parking spaces are permitted if there are two or more entrances. In no event may the number of parking spaces exceed 50 percent of the number of new #transient hotel# rooms.

(b) Hospitals

For #developments# or #enlargements# of non-profit, voluntary or proprietary hospitals and related facilities listed under Use Group III(B), in Area A, as shown on the map in Section 16-03, a maximum of 150 #accessory# off-street parking spaces, open or enclosed, are permitted if there is only one entrance to the #accessory# group parking facility and a maximum of 225 #accessory# off-street parking spaces, open or enclosed, are permitted if there are two or more entrances.

For hospital #developments# or #enlargements# within Areas B and C, as shown on the map, #accessory# off-street parking may be provided in accordance with the underlying district regulations.

(c) Other #commercial#, #community facility# and #manufacturing# #uses#

For #developments# or #enlargements# in Area A containing #community facility# #uses# other than hospitals, #commercial# #uses# other than #transient hotels#, or #manufacturing# #uses#, the maximum number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces permitted shall not

exceed one space per 4,000 square feet of such #community facility#, #commercial# or #manufacturing# #floor area#, or 100 spaces, whichever is less. All such parking spaces shall be used exclusively by the tenants or employees of the #development# or #enlargement# and shall not be available to the public.

Within Areas B and C, the maximum number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces permitted for each #development#, #enlargement# or alteration shall not exceed one space per 4,000 square feet of #floor area#, or 100 spaces, whichever is less. In the event that the permitted number of #accessory# off-street spaces would be less than 15 spaces, an #accessory# parking facility of up to 15 spaces may be provided.

16-13 - Permitted Parking for Zoning Lots With Multiple Uses

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Where a #development# or #enlargement# contains a combination of #uses# for which parking regulations are set forth in Sections 16-11 (Permitted Parking for Residences) and 16-12 (Permitted Parking for Non-residential Uses), the number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces for all such #uses# shall not exceed the number of spaces permitted for each #use# in accordance with the provisions of such Sections. However, in no event shall the maximum number exceed 225 #accessory# off-street parking spaces. The exclusive or primary #use# provisions of Sections 16-11 and 16-12 shall be applicable to the number of spaces provided for each #use#.

16-14 - Permitted Public Parking Lots

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#Public parking lots# shall not be permitted within the #Long Island City area#, except where authorized by the City Planning Commission in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-343.

16-15 - Permitted Public Parking Garages

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Within Areas A or B, as shown on the map in Section 16-03, #public parking garages# shall be permitted only in accordance with the special permit provisions of Section 16-352. However, notwithstanding any underlying district regulations, within Subarea C, as shown on the map, #public parking garages# with a maximum capacity of 150 spaces shall be permitted as-of-right within any zoning district.

16-20 - SPECIAL RULES FOR PARKING FACILITIES WITHIN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA

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All #accessory# off-street parking facilities, #public parking lots# and #public parking garages# #developed# or #enlarged# after October 25, 1995, in the #Long Island City area# shall comply with the applicable provisions of this Section, inclusive.

16-21 - Public Use and Off-site Parking

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All #accessory# off-street parking spaces may be made available for public use. However, any such space shall be made available to the occupant of a #residence# to which it is #accessory# within 30 days after a written request therefor is made to the landlord.

No #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall be located on a #zoning lot# other than the same #zoning lot# as the #use# to which they are #accessory#.

16-22 - Enclosure, Surfacing and Screening Requirements

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All #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall be located within a #completely enclosed# #building#, with the exception of:

(a) parking spaces #accessory# to non-profit, voluntary or proprietary hospitals and related facilities, listed under Use Group III(B); and

(b) up to 15 off-street parking spaces #accessory# to #commercial# #uses# other than a #transient hotel#, listed under Use Group V, #community facility# #uses# other than hospitals, or #manufacturing# #uses#.

16-23 - Curb Cut Restrictions

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In the #Long Island City area#, for #accessory# off-street parking facilities and #public parking garages#, curb cuts accessing entrances and exits to such parking facilities shall not be permitted at the following locations:

(a) within 50 feet of the intersection of any two #street lines#, except where the Commissioner of Buildings certifies that such location is not hazardous to traffic safety, is not likely to create traffic congestion and will not unduly inhibit surface traffic or pedestrian flow. The Commissioner of Buildings may refer such matter to the Department of Transportation, or its successor, for a report;

(b) for #accessory# off-street parking facilities, on 21st Street, 44th Drive, Jackson Avenue, Queens Boulevard, Queens Plaza (North, South and East), Skillman Avenue or Thomson Avenue, except by authorization of the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 16-344;

(c) for #public parking garages#, on 21st Street, 44th Drive, Jackson Avenue, Queens Boulevard, Queens Plaza (North, South and East) or Vernon Boulevard, except by authorization, pursuant to Section 16-344.

16-24 - Minimum and Maximum Size of Parking Facilities

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The maximum gross unobstructed surface area, in square feet, of a permitted #accessory# #group parking facility# including stalls, aisles, driveways and maneuvering areas shall be as set forth in this Section.

(a) Attended parking facilities

For attended parking facilities without parking lift systems, the maximum gross surface area shall not exceed 200 times the number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces provided.

For attended parking facilities with parking lift systems, the maximum surface area of the portion of the facility allocated to non-elevated parking spaces shall not exceed 200 times the number of non-elevated spaces provided and the portion allocated to elevated parking spaces shall be 153 times the number of elevated spaces able to be provided on lifted trays.

No maximum surface area requirement shall apply to #automated parking facilities#.

(b) Self-park facilities

For self-parking facilities, the maximum gross surface area shall not exceed 350 times the number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces provided.

An off-street parking facility in the #Long Island City area# may provide a gross unobstructed surface area greater than the maximum size permitted by this Section upon certification by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission to the Commissioner of Buildings that the proposed layout of such parking facility, including, but not limited to, the arrangement of parking spaces, travel aisles and reservoir spaces, where applicable, is sufficient to accommodate the requisite vehicular navigation and turning movements associated with such a facility. To make such a determination, the applicant shall provide the Chairperson with dimensioned plan drawings that depict the proposed vehicular movement through the facility, including any relevant maneuverability or turning radius information.

16-30 - AUTHORIZATIONS AND SPECIAL PERMITS

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16-31 - General Provisions

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The City Planning Commission may grant authorizations and special permits, pursuant to Sections 16-34, inclusive, and 16-35, inclusive.

All such special permits and authorizations, in addition to meeting the requirements, conditions and safeguards prescribed by the Commission, shall conform to and comply with all of the applicable zoning district regulations of the Zoning Resolution, except as otherwise specified herein.

16-32 - Requirements for Applications

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An application to the City Planning Commission for the grant of a special permit or authorization under the provisions of this Section shall include a site plan showing the location of all #buildings or other structures# on the site, the location of all vehicular entrances and exits and off-street parking spaces, and such other information as may be required by the Commission.

16-33 - Relationship to Public Improvement Projects

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In all cases, the City Planning Commission shall deny a special permit application or authorization whenever the #use# will interfere with a public improvement project (including housing, highways, public #buildings# or facilities, redevelopment or renewal projects, or rights-of-way for sewers, transit or other public facilities) which is approved by or pending before the City Council or the Commission, as determined from the calendar of each agency issued prior to the date of the public meeting on the application for a special permit or authorization.

16-34 - Authorizations

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16-341 - Limited increase in parking spaces for existing buildings

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The City Planning Commission may, by authorization, allow an increase in the number of parking spaces in an existing parking facility or the creation of a new parking facility associated with an existing #building# #developed# without parking, provided that the limitations of paragraph (a) and

the findings of paragraph (b) of this Section are met.

(a) Limitations

The total number of parking spaces in a parking facility, inclusive of any existing spaces, where applicable, shall not exceed what would be permitted if such facility were #developed# in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-10 (PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA). However, in no event shall the number of additional spaces authorized pursuant to this Section exceed 15 spaces.

(b) Findings

The Commission shall find that:

(1) the location of the vehicular entrances and exits to the parking facility will not unduly interrupt the flow of pedestrian traffic associated with #uses# or public facilities, including access points to mass transit facilities in close proximity thereto, or result in any undue conflict between pedestrian and vehicular movements, due to the entering and leaving movement of vehicles;

(2) the location of the vehicular entrances and exits to such parking facility will not interfere with the efficient functioning of #streets#, including any lanes designated for specific types of users or vehicles, due to the entering and leaving movement of vehicles;

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

(4) such parking facility will not be inconsistent with the character of the existing streetscape.

16-342 - Reduction in the number of required existing parking spaces

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For off-street parking facilities built prior to October 25, 1995, the City Planning Commission may authorize a reduction in the number of required #accessory# off-street parking spaces where the Commission finds that such reduction will not have undue adverse effects on residents, businesses or community facilities in the surrounding area, as applicable.

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

16-343 - Public parking lots

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The City Planning Commission may authorize #public parking lots# with a capacity of not more than 150 spaces in the #Long Island City area#, provided that the otherwise applicable regulations set forth in Sections 36-54 or 44-44 (Surfacing), and Sections 36-55 or 44-45 (Screening) are met.

As a condition for authorizing any such #public parking lots#, the Commission shall make the following findings:

(a) such #use# will not be incompatible with, or adversely affect, the growth and development of #uses# comprising vital and essential functions in the general area within which such #use# is to

be located;

(b) such #use# will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion and will not unduly inhibit vehicular and pedestrian movement;

(c) such #use# is so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #residential# #streets#; and

(d) the #streets# providing access to such #use# will be adequate to handle the traffic generated thereby.

The City Planning 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 and for locations of entrances and exits.

16-344 - Curb cuts

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The City Planning Commission may authorize curb cuts located on a #street# designated in Section 16-23 (Curb Cut Restrictions), provided the Commission finds that a curb cut at such location:

(a) is not hazardous to traffic safety;

(b) will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion or unduly inhibit vehicular movement;

(c) will not adversely affect pedestrian movement;

(d) will not interfere with the efficient functioning of bus lanes, specially designated #streets# and public transit facilities; and

(e) will not be inconsistent with the character of the existing streetscape.

16-35 - Special Permits

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16-351 - Accessory off-street parking spaces

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The City Planning Commission may, by special permit, allow the off-street parking facilities listed in paragraph (a) of this Section, provided that such parking facilities comply with the findings of paragraph (b).

(a) Eligible parking facilities

The Commission may permit, on-site or off-site, open or enclosed, #accessory# off-street parking facilities:

(1) associated with #developments# or #enlargements#, with any capacity not otherwise allowed under Section 16-10 (PERMITTED OFF-STREET PARKING IN THE LONG ISLAND CITY AREA); or

(2) associated with an existing parking facility or an existing #building# #developed# without parking, beyond the capacity authorized pursuant to Section 16-341 (Limited increase in parking spaces for existing buildings).

(b) Findings

The Commission shall find that:

(1) within the vicinity of the site, there are insufficient parking spaces available;

(2) the location of the vehicular entrances and exits to such parking facility will not interfere with the efficient functioning of #streets#, including any lanes designated for specific types of users or vehicles, due to the entering and leaving movement of vehicles;

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

(4) such parking facility will not be inconsistent with the character of the existing streetscape; and

(5) adequate reservoir space is provided at the vehicular entrance to accommodate vehicles equivalent in number to 20 percent of the total number of parking spaces, up to 50 parking spaces, and five percent of any spaces in excess of 200 parking spaces, but in no event shall such reservoir spaces be required for more than 50 vehicles. However, in the case of a facility with a capacity of 10 vehicles or less, the Commission may waive this finding.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area, including traffic improvements, if necessary, and limitations on #signs# or requirements for shielding or floodlights or for locations of entrances and exits.

16-352 - Public parking garages and public parking lots

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The City Planning Commission may, by special permit, allow #public parking garages# and #public parking lots# not otherwise permitted, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Section 74-195 (Public parking garages or public parking lots in high density central areas).