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Chapter 3 - Bulk Regulations for Commercial or Community Facility Buildings in Commercial Districts

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33-00 - APPLICABILITY, DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

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12/15/1961

33-01 - Applicability of This Chapter

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12/5/2024

The #bulk# regulations of this Chapter apply to #commercial buildings#, #community facility buildings# or #buildings# used partly for #commercial# #use# and partly for #community facility# #use#, on any #zoning lot# or portion of a #zoning lot# located in any #Commercial District#, including all #developments# or #enlargements#. As used in this Chapter, the term "any #building#" shall therefore not include a #residential building# or a #mixed building#, the #bulk# regulations for which are set forth in Article III, Chapter 4, and Article III, Chapter 5, respectively. In addition, the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter, or of specified sections thereof, also apply in other provisions of this Resolution where they are incorporated by cross reference.

33-02 - Applicability in Special Situations

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The conversion of non-#residential# #floor area# to #residences# shall be subject to the provisions of Article I, Chapter 5 (Residential Conversions Within Existing Buildings), unless such #conversions# meet the requirements for #residential# #developments# of Article II (Residence District Regulations).

Existing #buildings or other structures# that are #non-complying buildings or other structures# or existing #buildings# where an #enlargement#, #conversion#, #extension#, change of #use# or other alternation would create a #non-compliance# with the applicable #bulk# regulations are subject to the regulations set forth in Article V, Chapter 4.

Special regulations applying in certain areas are set forth in Article VI, inclusive.

Special permits that may be granted by the Board of Standards and Appeals are set forth in Article VII, Chapter 3. Special permits and authorizations that may be granted by the City Planning Commission are set forth in Article VII, Chapters 4 and 5, respectively.

Special regulations applying to #large-scale residential developments# or #large-scale community facility developments# are set forth in Article VII, Chapters 8 or 9, respectively. Special regulations applying to #large-scale general developments# are set forth in Section 74-74.

Any #development# or #enlargement# that occurs on or over a #railroad right-of-way#, or the inclusion of a #railroad right-of-way# in the #lot area# of a #zoning lot# less than one and a half acres, and that is not #accessory# to such #railroad right-of-way#, shall be certified by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 75-41. In addition, the #development# or #enlargement of a #building# on a #zoning lot# greater than one and a half acres that includes a #railroad right-of-way# or #former railroad right-of-way#, where such #building# is not #accessory# to

a #railroad right-of-way#, may be permitted by the Commission pursuant to 74-61.

Special regulations applying only in Special Purpose Districts are set forth in Articles VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII and XIV.

33-03 - Applicability of Article II, Chapter 3 Regulations

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For #commercial# #buildings#, #community facility# #buildings# or #buildings# used partly for #commercial# #use# and partly for #community facility# #use#, the following regulations shall apply with regard to the applicability of certain #bulk# regulations from Article II, Chapter 3.

(a) Height and setback

(1) In #Commercial Districts# mapped within, or with a #residential equivalent# of an R6 through R12 District with a letter suffix, the height and setback regulations of Section 23-43 (Height and Setback Requirements in R6 Through R12 Districts), inclusive, shall be applied to all #buildings# in accordance with the applicable #Residence District# regulations, as modified by the provisions of Section 35-60 (MODIFICATION OF HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS), inclusive.

(2) In all other #Commercial Districts#, the #residential# height and setback regulations may be applied as follows:

(i) The height and setback regulations of Section 23-42 (Height and Setback Requirements in R1 Through R5 Districts), inclusive, may be applied to #Commercial Districts# mapped within, or with a #residential equivalent# of an R1 through R5 District, in accordance with the applicable #Residence District# regulations, as modified by the provisions of Section 35-60, inclusive.

(ii) The height and setback regulations of Section 23-43 (Height and Setback Requirements in R6 Through R12 Districts), inclusive, may be applied to #Commercial Districts# mapped within, or with a #residential equivalent# of an R6 through R12 District without a letter suffix, in accordance with the applicable #Residence District# regulations, as modified by the provisions of Section 35-60, inclusive.

(b) Other #bulk# regulations

Where the height and setback regulations of Article II, Chapter 3 are applied, the following #residential bulk# regulations may also be applied to the entire #building#:

(1) the #rear yard#, #rear yard equivalent# and open area along #side lot line# requirements of Section 23-30, inclusive, applicable to a #multiple dwelling residence#; and

(2) for #community facility# #uses# with sleeping accommodations:

(i) the special #floor area# allowances of Section 23-23 (Special Floor Area Provisions for Multiple Dwelling Residences), inclusive;

(ii) the #court# regulations of Section 23-35 (Court Regulations), inclusive; and

(iii) the distance between #buildings# and distance between #legally required windows# and #lot lines# regulations of Section 23-37 (Other Open Area Regulations).

Any obstructions permitted within a specific open area pursuant to Section 23-30 (YARDS, COURTS AND OTHER OPEN AREA REGULATIONS), inclusive, shall also be permitted.

Where a particular #bulk# regulation of Article II, Chapter 3 is applied, it shall supersede the applicable regulations of Article III, Chapter 3.

For the purposes of applying such #bulk# provisions, #uses# shall be considered #residential#, and the term #dwelling unit# shall include "dwelling units" and "rooming units", as set forth in the Housing Maintenance Code.

33-04 - Street Tree Planting in Commercial Districts

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, all #developments#, or #enlargements# that increase the #floor area# on a #zoning lot# by 20 percent or more, shall provide #street# trees in accordance with Section 26-41 (Street Tree Planting).

In C8 Districts, the #street# frontage used to calculate the number of required trees may exclude the #street# frontage occupied by curb cuts serving:

From Use Group VI

Automotive repair and maintenance

#Automotive service stations#

Industrial drycleaning and laundry services

From Use Group IX

All #uses# listed under Use Group IX(A) and IX(C).

33-05 - Outdoor Table Service Areas

LAST AMENDED
2/24/2022

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Resolution, outdoor table service areas, associated with eating and drinking establishments, meeting all requirements set forth in legislation by the City Council and any subsequent rulemaking by an authorized agency shall be permitted within any required sidewalk widening areas.

33-06 - Special Provisions for C7 Districts Mapped Prior to June 6, 2024

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6/6/2024

For the purpose of applying the #bulk# regulations of this Chapter, C7 Districts mapped prior to June 6, 2024, shall be considered C7-1 Districts.

33-10 - FLOOR AREA REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

33-11 - Definitions

LAST AMENDED
11/19/1987

Words in italics are defined in Section 12-10 or, if applicable exclusively to this Section, in this Section.

33-12 - Maximum Floor Area Ratio

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, for any #zoning lot#, the maximum #floor area ratio# shall not exceed the #floor area ratio# set forth in this Section, except as otherwise provided in the following Sections:

Section 33-13 (Floor Area Bonus for a Public Plaza)

Section 33-14 (Floor Area Bonus for Arcades)

Section 33-15 (Floor Area Bonus for Front Yards)

Section 33-16 (Special Provisions for Zoning Lots Divided by District Boundaries)

Any given #lot area# shall be counted only once in determining the #floor area ratio#.

Where #floor area# in a #building# is shared by multiple #uses#, the #floor area# for such shared portion shall be attributed to each #use# proportionately, based on the percentage each #use# occupies of the total #floor area# of the #zoning lot# less any shared #floor area#.

Except where authorized by express provisions of this Resolution, the maximum #floor area ratio# shall not exceed the amount set forth in this Section by more than 20 percent.

In addition, the following limitations on maximum permitted #floor area# shall apply:

C1-8A C1-8X C1-9A C2-7A C2-7X C2-8A C4-6A C4-7A C4-11A C5-1A C5-2A C6-2A C6-3A C6-3D C6-3X C6-4A

(a) In contextual Commercial Districts

In the districts indicated, and in C1 and C2 Districts mapped within R9A, R9D, R9X, R10A, R10X or R11A Districts, no #floor area# bonuses are permitted.

(b) In Community Board 7, Borough of Manhattan

Within the boundaries of Community Board 7 in Manhattan, in R10 equivalent #Commercial Districts# without a letter suffix, the maximum #floor area ratio# shall not exceed 10.0.

(c) In C6-1A Districts

In C6-1A Districts, the maximum #floor area ratio# shall not exceed the amount set forth in this Section by more than 50 percent.

(d) In C6-4X Districts

In C6-4X Districts, a #floor area# bonus shall only be permitted for a #public plaza# pursuant to Section 33-13.

33-121 - In districts with bulk governed by Residence District bulk regulations

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1-1 C1-2 C1-3 C1-4 C1-5 C2-1 C2-2 C2-3 C2-4 C2-5

In the districts indicated, for a #zoning lot# containing a #commercial# or #community facility# #use#, the maximum #floor area ratio# is determined by the #Residence District# within which such #Commercial District# is mapped and shall not exceed the maximum #floor area ratio# set forth in the following table:

MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO

District	Column A For #Zoning Lots# Containing only #Commercial# #use#	Column B For #Zoning Lots# Containing only #Community facility# #use#	Column C For #Zoning Lots# Containing both #Commercial# and #Community facility# #uses#
R1 R2	1.00	0.50	1.00
R3-1 R3A R3X	1.00	1.00	1.00
R3-2	1.60	1.60	1.60
R4 R5	2.00	2.00	2.00
R5D R6B	2.00	2.00	2.00
R6D R6-2	2.00	2.50	2.50
R6A R7B	2.00	3.00	3.00
R7A R8B	2.00	4.00*	4.00
R7D	2.00	4.66	4.66

R6 R6-1 R7-1	2.00	4.80	4.80
R7X	2.00	5.00	5.00
R7-2 R7-3 R8 R8A	2.00	6.50	6.50
R8X	2.00	6.00	6.00
R9 R9-1	2.00	10.00	10.00
R9A	2.00	7.50	7.50
R9D	2.00	9.00	9.00
R9X	2.00	9.00	9.00
R10	2.00	10.00	10.00
R11	2.00	12.00	12.00
R12	2.00	15.00	15.00

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* In R8B Districts, within the boundaries of Community District 8 in the Borough of Manhattan, the maximum #floor area ratio# on a #zoning lot# containing #community facility# #use# exclusively shall not exceed 5.10

In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) For #zoning lots# containing both #commercial# #uses# and #community facility# #uses#, the total #floor area# used for #commercial# #uses# shall not exceed the amount permitted for #zoning lots# containing only #commercial# #uses# set forth in Column A.

(b) In C1 and C2 Districts mapped within R1 and R2 Districts, the maximum #floor area ratio# for #community facility# #uses# on a #zoning lot# containing both #commercial# #uses# and #community facility# #uses# is 0.50 unless it is increased pursuant to the special permit provisions of Section 74-902 (Certain community facility uses in R1 and R2 Districts and certain Commercial Districts.)

(c) In C1 and C2 Districts mapped within R1, R2, R3-1, R3A and R3X Districts in the Borough of Staten Island and in Community District 10 in the Borough of the Bronx, the maximum #floor area ratio# for any #zoning lot# containing a #building# used for ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities listed under Use Group III(B), or child care services listed under the definition of #school# in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS) shall be 1.2.

(d) In C1 and C2 Districts mapped within R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8 and R9 Districts, for any #zoning lot# containing philanthropic or non-profit institutions with sleeping accommodations, or in C1 and C2 Districts mapped within R3-1, R3A, R3X, R4-1, R4A, R4B, R5A, R5B and R5D Districts, for any #zoning lot# containing #long-term care

facilities#, the total #floor area# for all such #community facility# #uses# shall not exceed the amount as set forth in paragraphs (b) or (c) of Section 24-111 (Maximum floor area ratio for certain community facility uses) unless modified pursuant to Section 74-903 (Certain community facility uses in R3 to R9 Districts and certain Commercial Districts.

(e) The maximum #floor area ratio# for any #zoning lot# used partly for #commercial# #uses# and partly for #long-term care facilities# in C1 and C2 Districts mapped within R3-1, R3A, R3X, R4-1, R4A, R4B, R5A, R5B and R5D Districts, or philanthropic or non-profit institutions with sleeping accommodations in C1 or C2 Districts mapped within R3 through R9 Districts, shall not exceed the amount permitted for a #zoning lot# containing #commercial# #uses# as set forth for the applicable #Residence District# within which such #Commercial District# is mapped in Column A. However, for the districts in which the allowable #floor area ratio#, as set forth in paragraphs (b) or (c) of Section 24-111 exceeds the amount permitted for a #zoning lot# containing #commercial# #uses#, as set forth in Column A, the provisions of paragraphs (b) or (c) of Section 24-111, as applicable, shall be used to compute the maximum #floor area# permissible for the #zoning lot# unless modified pursuant to Section 74-903.

33-122 - Commercial buildings in all other Commercial Districts

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12/5/2024

C1-6 C1-7 C1-8 C1-9 C2-6 C2-7 C2-8 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In the districts indicated, the maximum #floor area ratio# for a #zoning lot# containing only #commercial# #uses# shall not exceed the #floor area ratio# set forth in the following table:

Districts	Maximum #Floor Area Ratio#
C3	0.50
C4-1 C8-1	1.00
C1-6 C1-7 C1-8 C1-9 C2-6 C2-7 C2-8 C7-1 C8-2 C8-3	2.00
C4-2A C4-3A C7-2	3.00
C4-2 C4-2F C4-3 C4-4 C4-4D C4-5 C4-6 C4-8 C4-9 C4-11 C4-12	3.40
C4-4A C4-4L C4-5A C4-5X C5-1 C7-3	4.00
C4-5D	4.20
C7-4 C8-4	5.00
C6-1 C6-2 C6-3	6.00
C7-5	6.50
C7-6	8.00

C6-3D	9.00
C4-7 C5-2 C5-4 C6-4 C6-5 C6-8 C7-7	10.00
C6-11 C7-8	12.00
C5-3 C5-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-9 C6-12 C7-9	15.00

33-123 - Community facility buildings or buildings used for both community facility and commercial uses in all other Commercial Districts

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1-6 C1-7 C1-8 C1-9 C2-6 C2-7 C2-8 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In the districts indicated, the maximum #floor area ratio# for a #zoning lot# containing #community facility# #uses#, or for a #zoning lot# containing both #commercial# and #community facility# #uses#, shall not exceed the #floor area ratio# set forth in the following table:

Districts	Maximum #Floor Area Ratio#
C3	1.00

C4-1 C7-1	2.00
C8-1	2.40
C4-2A C4-3A C7-2	3.00
C1-6A C2-6A C4-4A C4-4L C4-5A C7-3	4.00
C4-5D	4.20
C4-2 C4-3 C8-2	4.80
C4-5X C7-4	5.00
C6-1A	6.00
C1-6 C1-7 C2-6 C4-2F C4-4 C4-4D C4-5 C4-8 C6-1 C6-2 C7-5 C8-3 C8-4	6.50
C1-8A C2-7A C6-3A	7.50
C7-6	8.00
C1-8X C2-7X C6-3D C6-3X	9.00

C1-8 C1-9 C2-7 C2-8 C4-6 C4-7 C4-9 C5-1 C5-2 C5-4 C6-3 C6-4 C6-5 C6-8 C7-7	10.00
C4-11 C6-11 C7-8	12.00
C4-12 C5-3 C5-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-9 C6-12 C7-9	15.00

For #zoning lots# containing both #commercial# #uses# and #community facility# #uses#, the total #floor area# used for #commercial# #uses# shall not exceed the amount permitted for #zoning lots# containing only #commercial# #uses# in Section 33-122.

In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) In C1 through C6 Districts, except districts with a #residential equivalent# of R10, R11 or R12 Districts, for any #zoning lot# containing philanthropic or non-profit institutions with sleeping accommodations, the total #floor area# used for such #community facility# #use# shall not exceed the amount as set forth in paragraphs (b) or (c) of Section 24-111 (Maximum floor area ratio for certain community facility uses) applying the equivalent #Residence District# as specified in Section 34-112 (Residential bulk regulations in other C1 or C2 Districts or in C3, C4, C5 or C6 Districts) for the #Commercial District# in which such #use# is located, unless modified pursuant to Section 74-903 (Certain community facility uses in R3 to R9 Districts and certain Commercial Districts).

(b) The maximum #floor area ratio# for any #zoning lot# used partly for #commercial# #use# and partly for philanthropic or non-profit institutions with sleeping accommodations in C1 through C6 Districts, except districts with a #residential equivalent# of R10, R11 or R12 Districts, shall not exceed the amount permitted for a #zoning lot# containing #commercial# #uses# by the applicable district regulations. However, for the districts in which the allowable

#floor area ratio#, as set forth in paragraphs (b) or (c) of Section 24-111 exceeds the amount permitted for a #zoning lot# containing #commercial# #uses#, the provisions of paragraph (b) or (c) of Section 24-111, as applicable, shall be used to compute the maximum #floor area# permissible for the #zoning lot# unless modified pursuant to Section 74-903.

33-124 - Existing public amenities for which floor area bonuses have been received

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10/17/2007

(a) Elimination or reduction in size of non-bonused open area on a #zoning lot# containing a bonused amenity

In all districts, any existing open area for which a #floor area# bonus has not been utilized that occupies the same #zoning lot# as an existing #publicly accessible open area# or other public amenity, open or enclosed, for which a #floor area# bonus has been utilized, may be reduced in size or eliminated only upon certification of the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission that all bonused amenities comply with the standards under which such #floor area# bonus was granted.

(b) Kiosks and open air cafes

Kiosks and open air cafes may be placed within an existing #publicly accessible open area# for which a #floor area# bonus has been received by certification, pursuant to Section 37-73 (Kiosks and Open Air Cafes).

(c) Nighttime closing of existing public open areas

In all #Commercial Districts#, the City Planning Commission may, upon application, authorize the closing during certain nighttime hours of an existing #publicly accessible open area# for which a #floor area# bonus has been received, pursuant to Section 37-727 (Hours of access).

(d) Elimination or reduction in size of existing public amenities

In all #Commercial Districts#, no existing #publicly accessible open area# or other public amenity, open or enclosed, for which a #floor area# bonus has been utilized, shall be eliminated or reduced in size, except by special permit of the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 74-761 (Elimination or reduction in size of bonused public amenities).

33-13 - Floor Area Bonus for a Public Plaza

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C1-8 C1-9 C2-7 C2-8

(a) #Zoning lots# containing #community facility# #uses#

In the districts indicated, and in other C1 or C2 Districts when mapped within R9 through R12 Districts, for #zoning lots# containing #community facility# #uses#, for each square foot of #public plaza# provided in accordance with Section 37-70 (PUBLIC PLAZAS), inclusive, the total #floor area# permitted on that #zoning lot# under the provisions of Section 33-12 (Maximum Floor Area Ratio) for a #zoning lot# containing only #community facility# #uses#

or both #commercial# and #community facility# #uses#, may be increased by six square feet.

C4-7 C5-2 C5-3 C5-4 C5-5 C6-1 C6-2 C6-3 C6-4 C6-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-8 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12 C7-5 C7-6 C7-7 C7-8 C7-9

(b) #Zoning lots# containing only #commercial# #uses#

In the districts indicated, for #zoning lots# containing only #commercial# #uses#, for each square foot of #public plaza# provided in accordance with Section 37-70, inclusive, the total #floor area# permitted on that #zoning lot# under the provisions of Section 33-12 for a #commercial# #use# may be increased as set forth in the following table:

Districts	Permitted Additional Square Feet of #Floor Area# per Square Foot of #Public Plaza#
C5-3 C5-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-9 C6-12 C7-9	10 square feet
C4-7 C5-2 C5-4 C6-1A C6-4 C6-5 C6-8 C6-11 C7-7 C7-8	6 square feet

C6-1 C6-2 C6-3	4 square feet
C7-5 C7-6	

C4-6 C4-7 C4-8 C4-9 C4-11 C4-12 C5-1 C5-2 C5-3 C5-4 C5-5 C6-1 C6-2 C6-3 C6-4 C6-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-8 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12 C7-5 C7-6 C7-7 C7-8 C7-9

(c) #Zoning lots# containing #community facility# #uses# or both #commercial# and #community facility# #uses#

In the districts indicated, for #zoning lots# containing only #community facility# #uses# or both #commercial# and #community facility# #uses#, for each square foot of #public plaza# provided in accordance with Section 37-70, inclusive, the total #floor area# permitted on that #zoning lot# under the provisions of Section 33-12 may be increased as set forth in the following table:

Districts	Permitted Additional Square Feet of #Floor Area# per Square Foot of #Public Plaza#
C4-12	10 square feet
C5-3 C5-5	
C6-6 C6-7 C6-9 C6-12	
C7-9	

C4-6 C4-7 C4-9 C4-11	6 square feet
C5-1 C5-2 C5-4 C6-3 C6-4 C6-5 C6-8 C6-11	
C7-7 C7-8	
C4-8	4 square feet
C6-1 C6-2	
C7-5 C7-6	

33-14 - Floor Area Bonus for Arcades

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12/5/2024

C4-7 C5-2 C5-3 C5-4 C5-5 C6 C7-5 C7-6 C7-7 C7-8 C7-9

(a) In the districts indicated, for #zoning lots# containing #commercial# #uses#, for each square foot of #arcade# provided on a #zoning lot# in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-80 (ARCADES), the total #floor area# permitted on that #zoning lot# under the provisions of Section 33-12 (Maximum Floor Area Ratio) for a #zoning lot# containing only #commercial# #uses# may be increased as set forth in the following table:

FLOOR AREA BONUS

Districts	Permitted Additional Square Feet of #Floor Area# per Square Foot of #Arcade#
C4-7 C5-2 C5-3 C5-4 C5-5 C6-1A C6-4 C6-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-8 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12 C7-7 C7-8 C7-9	3 square feet
C6-1 C6-2 C6-3 C7-5 C7-6	2 square feet

C1-8 C1-9 C2-7 C2-8 C4-6 C4-7 C4-8 C4-9 C4-11 C4-12 C5 C6 C7-5 C7-6 C7-7 C7-8 C7-9

(b) In the districts indicated, and in C1 or C2 Districts when mapped within R9 through R12 Districts, for #zoning lots# containing #community facility# #uses#, for each square foot of #arcade# provided on a #zoning lot# in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-80, the total #floor area# permitted on that #zoning lot# under the provisions of Section 33-12 for a #zoning lot# containing only #community facility# #uses# or both #commercial# and #community facility# #uses# may be increased as set forth in the following table:

FLOOR AREA BONUS

Districts	Permitted Additional Square Feet of #Floor Area# per Square Foot of #Arcade#
C1 or C2 when mapped within R9 through R12	3 square feet
C1-8 C1-9 C2-7 C2-8 C4-6 C4-7 C4-9 C4-11 C4-12 C5 C6-3 C6-4 C6-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-8 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12	
C7-7 C7-8 C7-9	
C4-8	2 square feet
C6-1 C6-2	
C7-5 C7-6	

33-15 - Floor Area Bonus for Front Yards

LAST AMENDED
10/17/2007

33-151 - In districts with bulk governed by Residence District bulk regulations

LAST AMENDED

C1-1 C1-2 C1-3 C1-4 C1-5 C2-1 C2-2 C2-3 C2-4 C2-5

In the districts indicated, when mapped within an R1, R2, R3, R4 or R5 District, except R5D Districts, on any #zoning lot# on which there are provided #yards# as set forth in this Section, the maximum #floor area ratio# set forth in Section 33-12 (Maximum Floor Area Ratio) for a #zoning lot# containing only #community facility# #uses# or both #commercial# and #community facility# #uses#, may be increased to the #floor area ratio# set forth in the following table provided that:

(a) on #interior lots#, a #front yard# not less than 30 feet in depth is provided;

(b) on #corner lots#, two #front yards#, each not less than 20 feet in depth, are provided; or

(c) on #through lots#, a #front yard# not less than 30 feet in depth is provided along each #front lot line#.

MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO

Districts	Maximum #Floor Area Ratio#
Within R1, R2, R3-1, R3A or R3X Districts	1.60
Within R4 or R5 Districts	2.40

33-152 - In certain other Commercial Districts

LAST AMENDED
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C3 C4-1

In the districts indicated, the provisions set forth in Section 33-151 shall also apply as set forth in the following table:

Districts	Maximum #Floor Area Ratio#
C3	1.60
C4-1	2.40

33-16 - Special Provisions for Zoning Lots Divided by District Boundaries

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10/17/2007

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, whenever a #zoning lot# is divided by a boundary between districts or is subject to other regulations resulting in different maximum #floor area ratios# on portions of the #zoning lot#, the provisions set forth in Article VII, Chapter 7, shall apply.

33-20 - YARD REGULATIONS

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33-21 - Definitions

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11/19/1987

Words in italics are defined in Section 12-10 or, if applicable exclusively to this Section, in this Section.

33-22 - Level of Yards

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

In all #Commercial Districts#, the level of a #yard# or of a #rear yard equivalent# shall not be higher than #curb level#. However, this Section shall not be construed to require that natural grade level be disturbed in order to comply with this requirement.

No #building or other structure# shall be erected above ground level in any required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# except as otherwise provided in Section 33-23 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

33-23 - Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

In all #Commercial Districts#, the obstructions set forth in Sections 23-311 (Permitted obstructions in all yards, courts and open areas) and 23-341 (Permitted obstructions in required rear yards or rear yard equivalents), as well as the following obstructions, shall be permitted when located within a required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

(a) In any #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

(1) Fences;

(2) Parking spaces for automobiles or bicycles, off-street, open, #accessory#;

(3) Energy infrastructure equipment# and #accessory# mechanical equipment, provided that:

(i) all equipment shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Section 37-20 (SPECIAL SCREENING AND ENCLOSURE PROVISIONS); and

(ii) the height of all equipment shall not exceed a height of 23 feet above #curb level#;

(4) Steps;

(5) Walls, not exceeding eight feet in height and not roofed or part of a #building#.

(b) In any #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

(1) Balconies, unenclosed, subject to the provisions of Section 24-164;

(2) Any #building# or portion of a #building# used for any permitted #use# other than #residences#, except that any portion of a #building# containing rooms used for living or sleeping purposes (other than a room in a hospital used for the care or treatment of patients) shall not be a permitted obstruction, and provided that the height of such #building# shall not exceed one #story#, excluding #basement#, nor in any event 23 feet above #curb level#. However, in C7 Districts, the height of such obstruction shall be modified so that such #building# shall not exceed two #stories#, excluding #basements#, nor in any even 30 feet above #curb level#. In addition, in all districts, decks, parapet walls, roof thickness, skylights, vegetated roofs, and weirs, pursuant to Section 33-42 (Permitted Obstructions), shall be permitted above such a #building#, or portion thereof;

(3) Parking spaces for automobiles or bicycles, off-street, #accessory#, provided that the height of an #accessory# #building# used for such purposes and located in a required #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall not exceed 23 feet above #curb level#. In addition, decks, parapet walls, roof thickness, skylights, vegetated roofs, and weirs, as set forth in Section 33-42, shall be permitted above such an #accessory# #building#, or portion thereof; or

(4) Solar energy systems affixed to solar canopies and located over parking spaces associated with #public parking lots#, automobile rental establishments, or commercial or public utility vehicle parking facilities, as permitted, provided that the height shall not exceed 15 feet above the level of the adjoining grade.

However, no portion of a #rear yard equivalent# that is also a required #front yard# or required #side yard# may contain any obstructions not permitted in such #front yard# or #side yard#.

33-24 - Measurement of Yard Width or Depth

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

In all #Commercial Districts#, the width or depth of a #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall be measured perpendicular to #lot lines#.

33-25 - Minimum Required Side Yards

LAST AMENDED
12/6/2023

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, no #side yards# are required. However, if an open area extending along a #side lot line# is provided at any level, it shall be either:

(a) at least eight feet wide at every point; or

(b) at least five feet wide at every point, with an average width of eight feet, such average being the mean of the width of the open area at its narrowest point and its width at its widest point, provided that:

(1) such widest point shall be on a #street line#;

(2) no portion of a #building# shall project beyond a straight line connecting such two points; and

(3) in the case of a #zoning lot# bounded by a #side lot line# extending from #street# to #street#, such average shall be computed and such open area shall be provided as though each half of such #side lot line# bounded a separate #zoning lot#.

The allowances for permitted obstructions in any #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# set forth in Section 33-23 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents), shall be permitted in such open areas.

33-26 - Minimum Required Rear Yards

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, other than C7 Districts, a #rear yard# with a depth of not less than 20 feet shall be provided at every #rear lot line# on any #zoning lot# except as otherwise provided in Sections 33-27 (Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots), 33-28 (Special Provisions for Through Lots) or 33-30 (OTHER SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR REAR YARDS). #Rear yards# shall also be provided along portions of #side lot lines# as set forth in Section 33-261 (Beyond one hundred feet of a street line).

For C7 Districts, the provisions of Section 33-262 shall apply. However, such provisions shall be modified by the provisions of 33-27, 33-28 or 33-30.

33-261 - Beyond one hundred feet of a street line

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2008

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, for #corner lots#, and for #zoning lots# that are bounded by two or more #streets# that are neither #corner lots# or #through lots#, the portion of a #side lot line# beyond 100 feet of the #street line# that it intersects shall be considered a #rear lot line# and a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of 20 feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.

CORNER LOT

(33-261.1, 43-261.1)

ZONING LOT BOUNDED BY TWO OR MORE STREETS (NEITHER A CORNER LOT NOR

A THROUGH LOT)
(33-261.2, 43-261.1)

33-262 - Minimum rear yards for C7 Districts

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

In C7 Districts, a #rear yard# shall be provided at the minimum depth set forth in the table below for the applicable height above the #base plane#, at every #rear lot line# on any #zoning lot#.

REQUIRED DEPTH OF REAR YARD

Height above #base plane#	Required depth
Below 65 feet	10 feet
Above 65 feet	15 feet
Above 125 feet	20 feet

In addition, where a portion of a #side lot line# beyond 100 feet of the #street line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#, such #side lot line# shall be considered a #rear lot line# and a #rear yard# shall be required with a minimum depth in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

33-27 - Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

(a) For districts other than C7 Districts In all districts, other than C7 Districts, if an #interior lot# consists entirely of a tract of land:

(1) which was owned separately and individually from all other adjoining tracts of land, both on December 15, 1961, and on the date of application for a building permit; and

(2) which is less than 70 feet deep;

the depth of a required #rear yard# for such #interior lot# may be reduced by one foot for each two feet by which the maximum depth of such #interior lot# is less than 70 feet. No #rear yard# is required on any #interior lot# with a maximum depth of 50 feet or less.

(b) For C Districts

For C7 Districts, if an #interior lot#, or portion thereof, has a depth of less than 95 feet at any point, and such shallow condition was in existence on December 15, 1961, the depth of a required #rear yard#, or portion thereof, may be reduced by six inches for each foot by which the depth of such #zoning lot# is less than 95 feet. No #rear yard# is required on any such #interior lot#, or portion thereof, with a maximum depth of less than 50 feet.

33-28 - Special Provisions for Through Lots

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2008

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, the regulations of this Section shall apply to all #through lots#. In the case of a #zoning lot# occupying an entire #block#, no #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall be required.

33-281 - Excepted districts

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C4-2 C4-3 C4-4 C4-5 C4-6 C4-7 C4-8 C4-9 C4-11 C4-12 C5 C6 C7 C8-4

In the districts indicated, no #rear yard# regulations shall apply to any #through lot#, except as otherwise provided in Section 33-303 (For zoning lots with multiple rear lot lines).

33-282 - Excepted through lots

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4-1 C8-1 C8-2 C8-3

In the districts indicated, no #rear yard# regulations shall apply to any #through lots# which extend less than 110 feet in maximum depth from #street# to #street#.

33-283 - Required rear yard equivalents

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4-1 C8-1 C8-2 C8-3

In the districts indicated, on any #through lot# 110 feet or more in maximum depth from #street# to #street#, one of the following #rear yard equivalents# shall be provided:

(a) an open area with a minimum depth of 40 feet midway (or within five feet of being midway) between the two #street lines# upon which such #through lot# fronts. In C1 and C2 Districts mapped within, or with a #residential equivalent# of, R6 through R12 Districts with a letter suffix, a #rear yard equivalent# shall be provided only as set forth in this paragraph. Such limitation shall also apply to C1 or C2 Districts mapped within R5D Districts; or

(b) two open areas, each adjoining and extending along the full length of the #street line#, and each with a minimum depth of 20 feet measured from such #street line#; except that in C1 or C2 Districts the depth of such required open area along one #street line# may be decreased provided that a corresponding increase of the depth of the open area along the other #street line# is made; or

(c) an open area adjoining and extending along the full length of each #side lot line#, with a minimum width of 20 feet measured from each such #side lot line#.

Any such #rear yard equivalent# shall be unobstructed from its lowest level to the sky, except as provided in Section 33-23 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

33-29 - Special Provisions Applying Along District Boundaries

LAST AMENDED
2/8/1962

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, open areas shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of this Section along the boundaries of #Residence Districts# except where such district boundaries are also the boundaries of railroad rights-of-way or cemeteries.

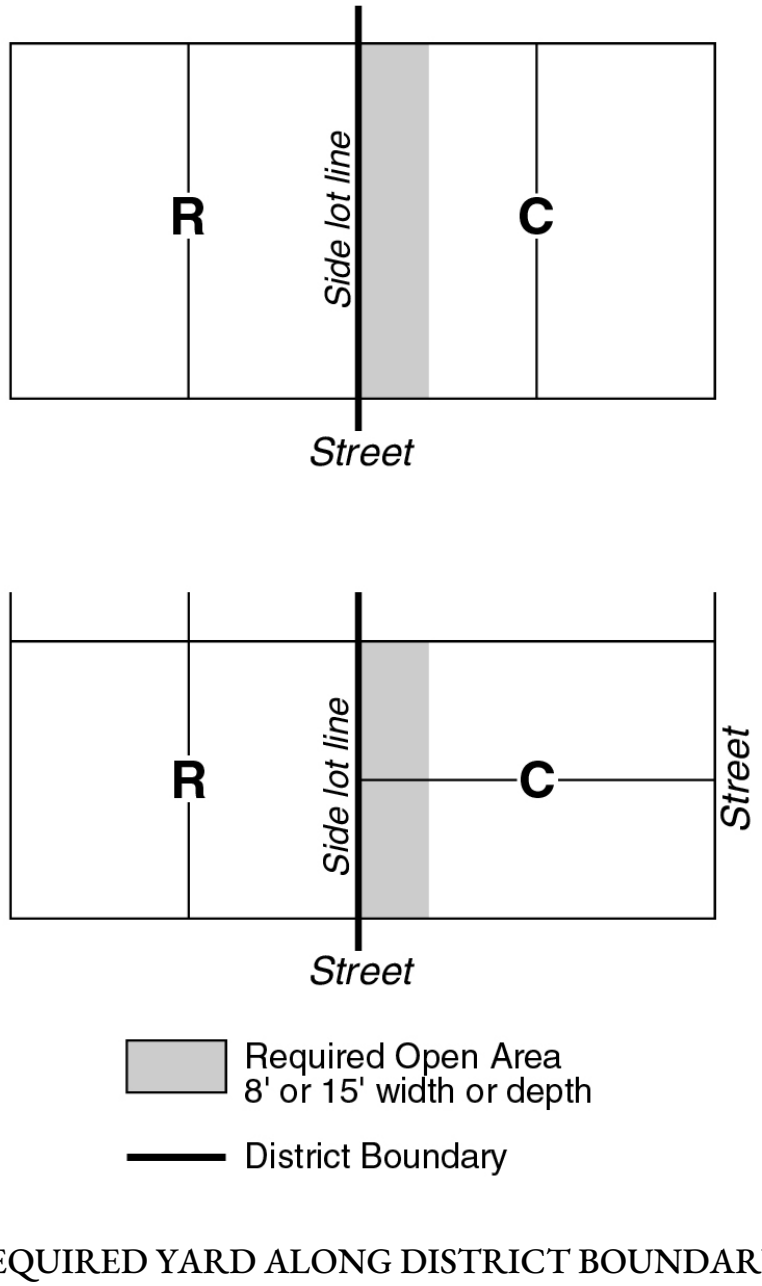
33-291 - Required yards along district boundary coincident with side lot line of zoning lot in an R1, R2, R3, R4 or R5 District

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, along such portion of the boundary of a #Commercial District# that coincides with a #side lot line# of a #zoning lot# in an R1, R2, R3, R4 or R5 District an open area not higher than #curb level# shall be provided within the #Commercial District# with at least the width or depth set forth in the following table. Such an open area shall not be used for #accessory# off-street loading, or for storage or processing of any kind.

Districts	Required Width or Depth of #Yard# (in feet)
C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7	8
C8	15



REQUIRED YARD ALONG DISTRICT BOUNDARY COINCIDENT WITH SIDE LOT LINES (33 - 291)

33-292 - Required yards along district boundary coincident with rear lot lines of two adjoining zoning lots

LAST AMENDED

6/6/2024

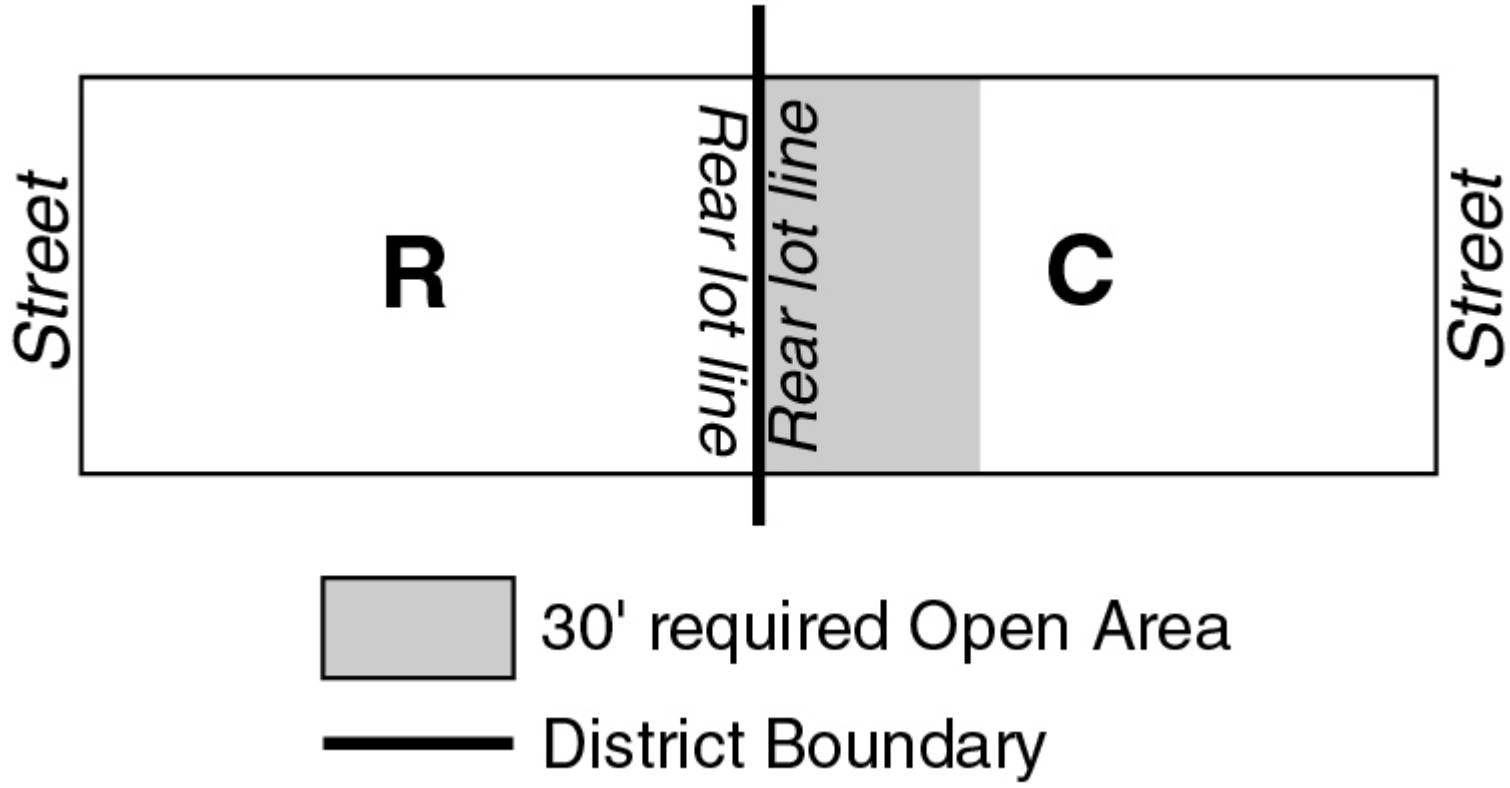
C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

(a) For districts other than C7 Districts

In all districts, other than C7 Districts, along such portion of the #rear lot line# of a #zoning lot# in a #Commercial District# which coincides with a #rear lot line# of a #zoning lot# in an adjoining #Residence District#, an open area at a level not higher than indicated in the following table, shall be provided along such boundary and within the #Commercial District#. Such an open area shall not be used for storage or processing of any kind.

REQUIRED DEPTH OF YARD

Districts	Maximum Level of #Yard#	Depth (in feet)
C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6	23 feet above #curb level#	30
C8	#Curb level#	30



REQUIRED YARD ALONG DISTRICT BOUNDARIES COINCIDENT WITH REAR LOT LINES

(33 - 292)

(b) For C7 Districts

For C7 Districts, where the portion of a #rear lot line# of a #zoning lot# coincides with the #rear lot line# of an adjoining #Residence District#, an open area not higher than 30 feet above #curb level# and at least 20 feet in depth shall be provided.

33-293 - Required yards along district boundary coincident with side lot line of zoning lot in a Commercial District

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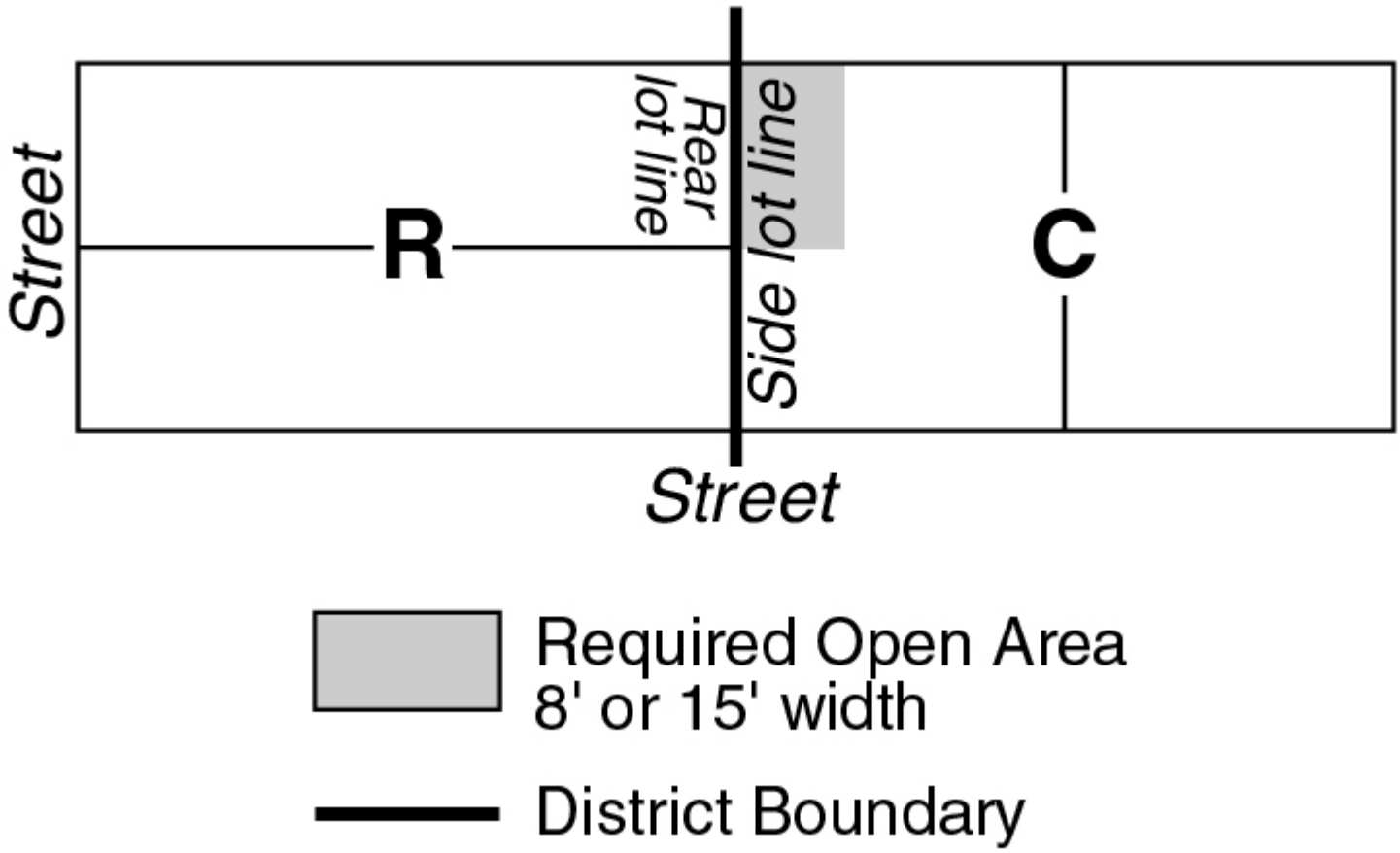
LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, along such portion of a #side lot line# of a #zoning lot# in a #Commercial District# that coincides with a #rear lot line# of a #zoning lot# in an adjoining #Residence District#, an open area at #curb level# of at least the width set forth in the following table shall be provided along such boundary within the #Commercial District#. Such an open area shall not be used for #accessory# off-street loading, or for storage or processing of any kind.

Districts	Required Width of #Yard# (in feet)
C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7	8
C8	15



REQUIRED YARD ALONG DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

(33 - 293)

33-30 - OTHER SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR REAR YARDS

LAST AMENDED

12/15/1961

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, the #rear yard# requirements set forth in Section 33-26 (Minimum Required Rear Yards) shall be modified as set forth in this Section.

33-301 - Within one hundred feet of corners

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, no #rear yard# shall be required within 100 feet of the point of intersection of two #street lines# intersecting at an angle of 135 degrees or less.

33-302 - Along short dimension of block

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, whenever a #front lot line# of a #zoning lot# coincides with the #street line# of the #short dimension of a block#, no #rear yard# shall be required within 100 feet of such #front lot line#.

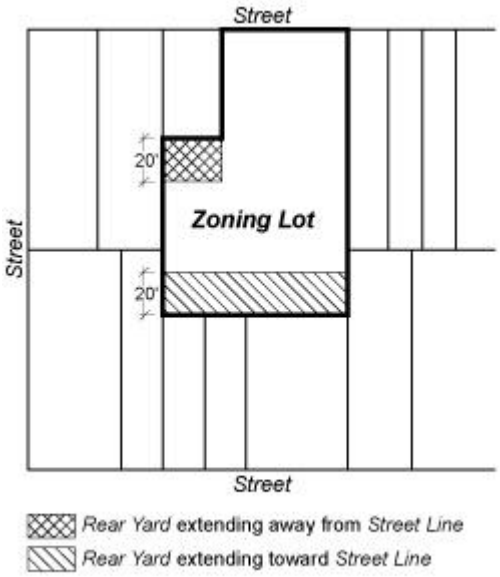
33-303 - For zoning lots with multiple rear lot lines

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2008

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, for #zoning lots# with multiple #rear lot lines#, if a #rear yard# extends from a #rear lot line# away from the #street line# which is used to determine such #rear lot line#, the following rules shall apply:

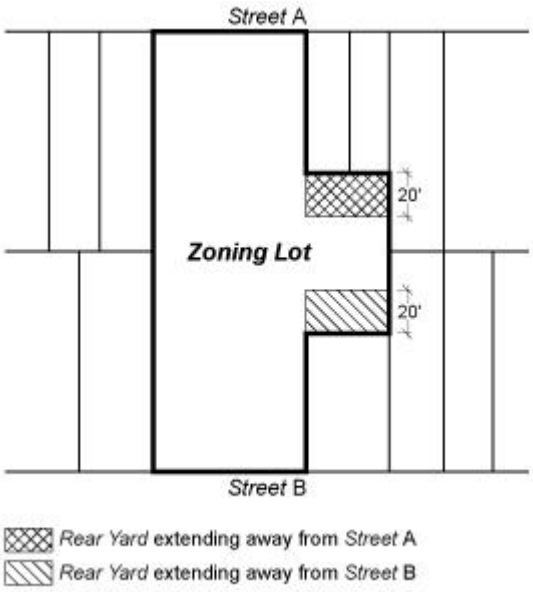
(a) A #rear yard# with a minimum depth of 20 feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.



(33-303a)

(b) No #rear yard# shall be required where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #side lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.

(c) For portions of #through lots# that have multiple #rear lot lines# and such portions are not subject to #interior lot# regulations, the #street line# bounding the #zoning lot# closest to such #rear lot line# shall be used to determine compliance with this Section.



(33-303c)

33-31 - Special Provisions for Zoning Lots Divided by District Boundaries

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, whenever a #zoning lot# is divided by a boundary between districts with different #yard# regulations, the provisions set forth in Article VII, Chapter 7 shall apply.

33-32 - Modification of Yard Regulations

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C5-5 C6-8 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12

(a) In the districts indicated, the regulations set forth in Sections 33-26 (Minimum Required Rear Yards) through 33-30 (OTHER SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR REAR YARDS), inclusive, relating to #rear yard# regulations, may be modified in accordance with the provisions of Section 73-68 (Height and Setback and Yard Modifications).

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

(b) In all districts, the regulations set forth in Section 33-303 (For zoning lots with multiple rear lot lines) may be modified in accordance with the provisions of Section 73-69 (Rear Yard Modifications).

33-40 - HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

All #buildings# in #Commercial Districts# shall comply with the height and setback regulations set forth in this Section, inclusive. However, the height and setback regulations of this Section, inclusive,

shall not apply in #Commercial Districts# mapped within, or with a #residential equivalent# of an R6 through R12 District with a letter suffix. In lieu thereof, the height and setback regulations of Section 23-43 (Height and Setback Requirements in R6 Through R12 Districts), inclusive, shall be applied to all #buildings# in accordance with the applicable #Residence District# regulations, pursuant to Section 33-03 (Applicability of Article II, Chapter 3 Regulations).

33-41 - Definitions

LAST AMENDED
11/19/1987

Words in italics are defined in Section 12-10 or, if applicable exclusively to this Section, in this Section.

33-42 - Permitted Obstructions

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

In all #Commercial Districts#, the obstructions set forth in Section 23-411 (General permitted obstructions), as well as the following obstructions shall be permitted and may thus penetrate a maximum height limit or #sky exposure planes#, as set forth in Sections 33-43 (Maximum Height of Walls and Required Setbacks), 33-44 (Alternate Front Setbacks), 33-46 (Height and Setback Provisions for C7 Districts) or 33-491 (Limited Height Districts):

(a) Balconies, unenclosed, subject to the provisions of Section 24-164 (Balconies);

(b) Elevator or stair bulkheads (including shafts; and vestibules, roof water tanks, #energy infrastructure equipment#, and #accessory# mechanical equipment (including enclosures and screening), other than solar or wind energy systems (whether #accessory# or as part of #energy infrastructure equipment#), provided that:

(1) such obstructions shall be located not less than 10 feet from the #street wall# of a #building#, except that such obstructions need not be set back more than 25 feet from a #narrow# #street line# or more than 20 feet from a #wide# #street line#. However, such restrictions on location shall not apply to elevator or stair bulkheads (including shafts or vestibules), provided the #aggregate width of street walls# of such bulkheads within 10 feet of a #street wall#, facing each #street# frontage, does not exceed 30 percent of the #street wall# width of the #building# facing such frontage;

(2) the aggregate area of such obstructions, including any screening, does not exceed 50 percent of the #lot coverage# of the #building#, and the height of such obstructions shall not exceed 15 feet above the maximum permitted height, except where otherwise permitted by paragraph (3) of this Section;

(3) the aggregate area of such obstructions, including any screening, does not to exceed 30 percent of the #lot coverage# of the #building#, and the height of such obstructions shall not exceed:

(i) where the maximum permitted height of a #building# is 120 feet or lower, a height of 35 feet above the maximum permitted height;

(ii) where the maximum permitted height of a #building# is greater than 120 feet, a height of 55 feet above the maximum permitted height; and

(4) all equipment shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Section 37-20 (SPECIAL SCREENING AND ENCLOSURE PROVISIONS);

(c) House of worship towers, ornamental, having no #floor area# in portion of tower penetrating such height limit or #sky exposure plane#;

(d) #Qualifying rooftop greenhouses#, up to 25 feet in height, provided that such obstruction shall be located not less than six feet from the #street wall# of the #building#;

(e) Spires or belfries;

(f) Wind energy systems, #accessory# or as part of #energy infrastructure equipment#, on portions of #buildings# with a height of 100 feet or greater, provided that:

(1) the highest point of the wind turbine assembly does not exceed 55 feet;

(2) no portion of the wind turbine assembly is closer than 10 feet to any #lot line#; and

(3) in districts where new #residences# or new #joint living-work quarters for artists# are allowed as-of-right or by special permit or authorization, or within 100 feet of such districts, the diameter of the swept area of the rotor does not exceed 15 feet.

33-43 - Maximum Height of Walls and Required Setbacks

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C8

In the districts indicated, if the front wall or other portion of a #building or other structure# is located at the #street line# or within the #initial setback distance# set forth in this Section, the height of such front wall or other portion of a #building or other structure# shall not exceed the maximum height

above #curb level# set forth in this Section. Above such specified maximum height and beyond the #initial setback distance#, the #building or other structure# shall not penetrate the #sky exposure plane# set forth in this Section. The regulations of this Section shall apply except as otherwise provided in Sections 33-42 (Permitted Obstructions), 33-44 (Alternate Front Setbacks), 33-45 (Tower Regulations), or 33-49 (Special Height Limitations), inclusive.

33-431 - In C1 or C2 Districts with bulk governed by surrounding Residence District

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1-1 C1-2 C1-3 C1-4 C1-5 C2-1 C2-2 C2-3 C2-4 C2-5

In the districts indicated, the maximum height of a front wall and the required front setback of a #building or other structure# shall be determined by the #Residence District# within which such #Commercial District# is mapped and, except as otherwise set forth in this Section, shall be as set forth in the following table:

MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FRONT WALL AND REQUIRED FRONT SETBACKS

#Initial Setback Distance# (in feet)		Maximum Height of a Front Wall or other portion of a #Building or Other Structure# within the #Initial Setback Distance#	#Sky Exposure Plane#				
			Height above the #Street Line# (in feet)	Slope over #Zoning Lot# (Expressed as a Ratio of Vertical Distance to Horizontal Distance)			
				On #Narrow Street#		On #Wide Street#	
On #Narrow Street#	On #Wide Street#			Vertical Distance	Horizontal Distance	Vertical Distance	Horizontal Distance
Within R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R5A or R5B Districts							
20	15	30 feet or two #stories#, whichever is less	30	1	to 1	1	to 1
Within R6 or R7 Districts							

20	15	60 feet or four #stories#, whichever is less	60	2.7	to 1	5.6	to 1
Within R8, R9, R10, R11 or R12 Districts							
20	15	85 feet or six #stories#, whichever is less	85	2.7	to 1	5.6	to 1

However, in accordance with the provisions of Section 32-42 (Location Within Buildings), no #commercial building# or portion thereof occupied by non-#residential uses# listed under Use Groups VI through X shall exceed in height 30 feet or two #stories#, whichever is less.

For #community facility buildings# or #buildings# used for both #community facility# #use# and #commercial# #use#, when located in #Commercial Districts# mapped within R4, R5, R5A or R5B Districts, the maximum height of a front wall shall be 35 feet or three #stories#, whichever is less, and the height above #street line# shall be 35 feet and, when mapped within R7-2 or R7-3 Districts, the maximum height of a front wall shall be 60 feet or six #stories#, whichever is less.

In C1 or C2 Districts mapped within R1, R2 or R3 Districts in the Borough of Staten Island or in Community District 10 in the Bronx, for #buildings# containing ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities listed under Use Group III(B), or child care services, as listed under the definition of #school# in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS), the maximum height of a front wall or other portion of a #building# within the #initial setback distance# shall be 35 feet, or three #stories#, whichever is less. However, such increased height shall only be permitted beyond 20 feet of a #Residence District#

boundary or beyond 20 feet of any portion of a #building# containing a #residential use# located in a #Commercial District#.

33-432 - In other Commercial Districts

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1-6 C1-7 C1-8 C1-9 C2-6 C2-7 C2-8 C3 C4 C5 C6 C8

In the districts indicated, the maximum height of a front wall and the required front setback of a #building or other structure#, except as otherwise set forth in this Section, shall be as set forth in the following table:

MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF FRONT WALL AND REQUIRED FRONT SETBACKS

#Initial Setback Distance# (in feet)		Maximum Height of a Front Wall or other portion of a #Building or Other Structure# within the #Initial Setback Distance#	#Sky Exposure Plane#				
			Height above the #Street Line# (in feet)	Slope over #Zoning Lot# (Expressed as a Ratio of Vertical Distance to Horizontal Distance)			
				On #Narrow Street#		On #Wide Street#	
On #Narrow Street#	On #Wide Street#			Vertical Distance	Horizontal Distance	Vertical Distance	Horizontal Distance
Within C3 C4-1 C8-1 Districts							
20	15	30 feet or two #stories#, whichever is less	30	1	to 1	1	to 1
Within C1-6 C2-6 C4-2 C4-3 C4-4 C4-5 C8-2 C8-3 Districts							

20	15	60 feet or four #stories#, whichever is less	60	2.7	to 1	5.6	to 1

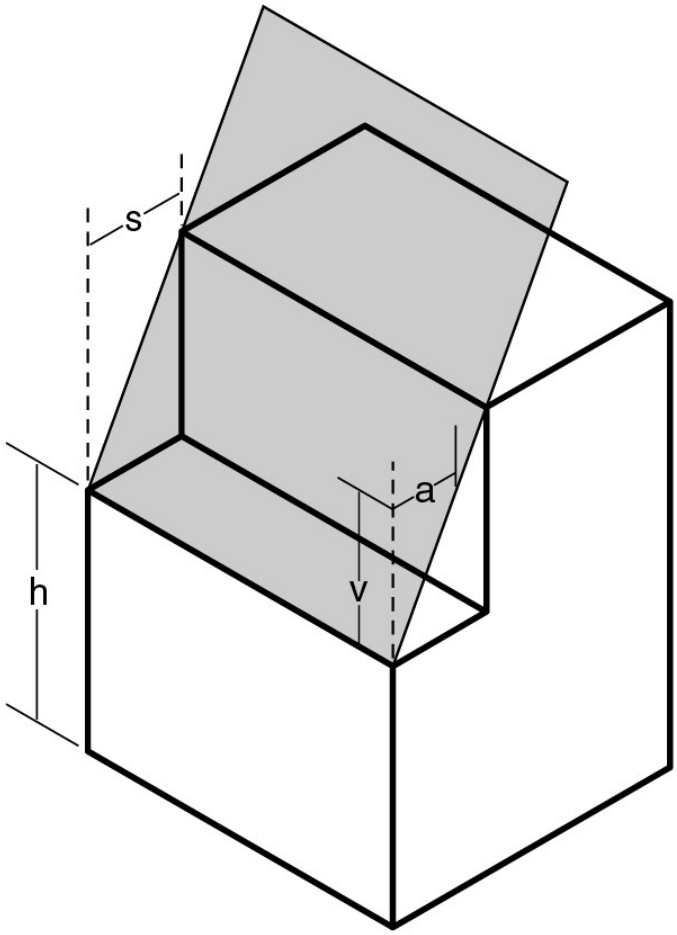
Within C1-7 C1-8 C1-9 C2-7 C2-8 C4-2F C4-6 C4-7 C4-8 C4-9 C4-11 C4-12 C5 C6 C8-4 Districts

20	15	85 feet or six #stories#, whichever is less	85	2.7	to 1	5.6	to 1

However, in accordance with the provisions of Section 32-42 (Location within Buildings), in C1, C2 or C3 Districts, no #commercial building#, or portion thereof, occupied by non-#residential uses# listed under Use Groups VI through X shall exceed in height 30 feet or two #stories#, whichever is less.

In C4-1 or C8-1 Districts, for #community facility buildings# or #buildings# used for both #community facility# and #commercial# #use#, the maximum height of a front wall shall be 35 feet or three #stories#, whichever is less, and the height above #street line# shall be 35 feet.

In C1-6, C2-6, C4-4 or C4-5 Districts, for #community facility buildings# or #buildings# used for both #community facility# and #commercial# #use#, the maximum height of a front wall shall be 60 feet or six #stories#, whichever is less.



a - Horizontal distance
s - *Initial setback distance*
h - Height of *sky exposure plane* above *street line*
v - Vertical distance

Sky Exposure Plane

SKY EXPOSURE PLANE IN OTHER COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

(23 - 632, 24 - 522, 33 - 432, 43 - 43)

33-433 - Special height and setback regulations

LAST AMENDED

12/5/2024

(a) Within the boundaries of Community District 7 in the Borough of Manhattan, all #buildings or other structures# located in #Commercial Districts# with a #residential equivalent# of an R10 District without a letter suffix shall comply with the requirements of Section 23-43 (Height and Setback Requirements in R6 Through R12 Districts).

(b) Within the boundaries of Community District 9 in the Borough of Manhattan, all #buildings# located in R8 Districts north of West 125th Street shall be #developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of Section 23-442 (Special provisions for certain community districts).

(c) In C1 or C2 Districts mapped within R5D Districts, all #buildings or other structures# shall comply with the applicable height and setback requirements of Section 23-42 (Height and Setback Requirements in R1 Through R5 Districts), inclusive.

33-44 - Alternate Front Setbacks

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C8

In the districts indicated, if an open area is provided along the full length of the #front lot line# with the minimum depth set forth in this Section, the provisions of Section 33-43 (Maximum Height of Walls and Required Setbacks) shall not apply. The minimum depth of such open area shall be measured perpendicular to the #front lot line#. However, in such instances, except as otherwise provided in Sections 33-42 (Permitted Obstructions), or 33-45 (Tower Regulations), inclusive, no #building or other structure# shall penetrate the alternate #sky exposure plane# set forth in this Section, and the #sky exposure plane# shall be measured from a point above the #street line#.

If the open area provided under the terms of this Section is a #public plaza#, such open area may be counted for the bonus provided for a #public plaza# in the districts indicated in Section 33-13 (Floor Area Bonus for a Public Plaza).

33-441 - In C1 or C2 Districts with bulk governed by surrounding Residence District

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1-1 C1-2 C1-3 C1-4 C1-5 C2-1 C2-2 C2-3 C2-4 C2-5

In the districts indicated, the alternate front setback regulations applicable to a #building or other structure# shall be determined by the #Residence District# in which such #Commercial District# is mapped and, except as otherwise set forth in this Section, shall be as set forth in the following table:

ALTERNATE REQUIRED FRONT SETBACKS

Depth of Optional Front Open Area (in feet)	Alternate #Sky Exposure Plane#		
	Height above #Street Line# (in feet)	Slope over #Zoning Lot# (expressed as a ratio of vertical distance to horizontal distance)	
		On #Narrow Street#	On #Wide Street#

On #Narrow Street#	On #Wide Street#	Vertical Distance	Horizontal Distance	Vertical Distance	Horizontal Distance	
Within R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R5A or R5B Districts						
15	10	30	1.4	to 1	1.4	to 1
Within R6 or R7 Districts						
15	10	60	3.7	to 1	7.6	to 1
Within R8, R9, R10, R11 or R12 Districts						
15	10	85	3.7	to 1	7.6	to 1

However, in accordance with the provisions of Section 32-42 (Location within Buildings), no #commercial building#, or portion thereof, occupied by non-#residential uses# listed under Use Groups VI through X shall exceed in height 30 feet or two #stories#, whichever is less.

For #community facility buildings# or #buildings# used for both #community facility# #use# and #commercial# #use#, when mapped within R4, R5, R5A or R5B Districts, the height above #street line# shall be 35 feet.

33-442 - In other Commercial Districts

LAST AMENDED

C1-6 C1-7 C1-8 C1-9 C2-6 C2-7 C2-8 C3 C4 C5 C6 C8

In the districts indicated, the alternate front setback regulations applicable to a #building or other structure# shall be as set forth in the following table:

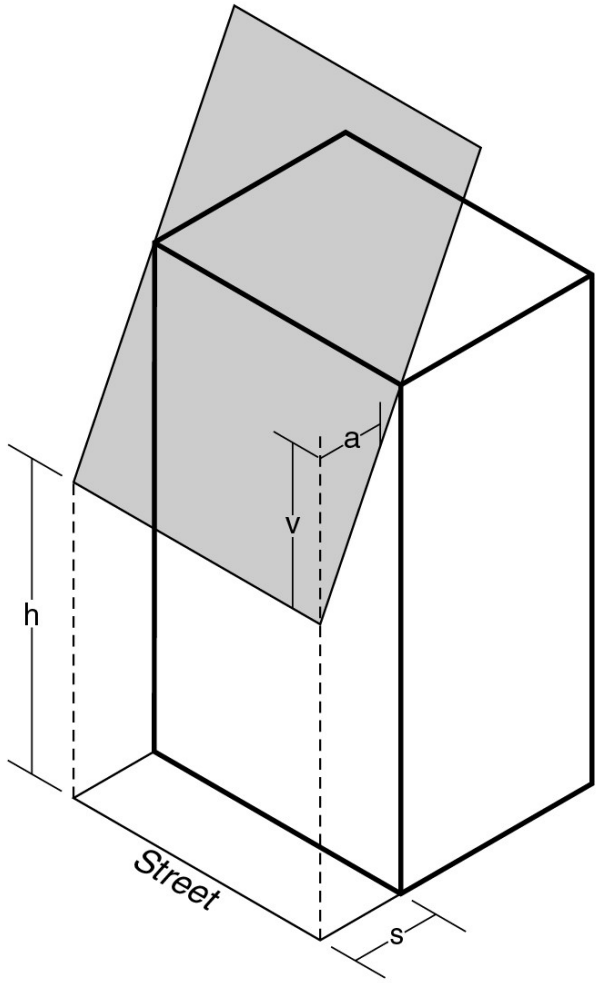
ALTERNATE REQUIRED FRONT SETBACKS

Depth of Optional Front Open Area (in feet)		Alternate #Sky Exposure Plane#				
		Height above #Street Line# (in feet)	Slope over #Zoning Lot# (Expressed as a Ratio of Vertical Distance to Horizontal Distance)			
			On #Narrow Street#		On #Wide Street#	
On #Narrow Street#	On #Wide Street#		Vertical Distance	Horizontal Distance	Vertical Distance	Horizontal Distance
Within C3 C4-1 C8-1 Districts						
15	10	30	1.4	to 1	1.4	to 1
Within C1-6 C2-6 C4-2 C4-3 C4-4 C4-5 C8-2 C8-3 Districts						
15	10	60	3.7	to 1	7.6	to 1

Within C1-7 C1-8 C1-9 C2-7 C2-8 C4-2F C4-6 C4-7 C4-8 C4-9 C4-11 C4-12 C5 C6 C8-4 Districts						
15	10	85	3.7	to 1	7.6	to 1

However, in accordance with the provisions of Section 32-42 (Location Within Buildings), in C1, C2 or C3 Districts, no #commercial building# or portion thereof occupied by #uses# listed under Use Groups VI through X shall exceed in height 30 feet or two #stories#, whichever is less.

In C4-1 or C8-1 Districts, for #community facility buildings# or #buildings# used for both #community facility# #use# and #commercial# #use#, the maximum height above #street line# shall be 35 feet or three #stories#, whichever is less.



a - Horizontal distance

h - Height of *sky exposure plane* above *street line*

s - Depth of the optional front open area

v - Vertical distance

Sky Exposure Plane

ALTERNATE SKY EXPOSURE PLANE

(23-736, 24-53, 33-442, 43-44)

33-45 - Tower Regulations

LAST AMENDED

12/15/1961

33-451 - In certain specified Commercial Districts

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C4-7 C5-2 C5-3 C5-4 C5-5 C6-4 C6-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-8 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12

In the districts indicated, any #buildings# or portions thereof which in the aggregate occupy not more than 40 percent of the #lot area# of a #zoning lot# or, for #zoning lots# of less than 20,000 square feet, the percent set forth in Section 33-454 (Towers on small lots), may penetrate an established #sky exposure plane#. (Such #building# or portion thereof is hereinafter referred to as a tower.) At any given level, except where the provisions set forth in Section 33-455 (Alternate regulations for towers on lots bounded by two or more streets) or 33-456 (Alternate setback regulations on lots bounded by two or more streets) or 33-457 (Tower setbacks on narrow blocks) are applicable and where the option is taken to be governed by such provisions, such tower may occupy any portion of the #zoning lot# not located less than 15 feet from the #street line# of a #narrow street#, or less than 10 feet from the #street line# of a #wide street#, provided that the aggregate area so occupied within 50 feet of a #narrow street# shall not exceed 1,875 square feet and the aggregate area so occupied within 40 feet of a #wide street# shall not exceed 1,600 square feet.

If all of the #buildings# on a #zoning lot# containing such tower do not occupy at any level more than the maximum percent of the #lot area# set forth in this Section or Section 33-454 for towers, the tower may occupy any portion of the #zoning lot# located 20 feet or more from the #street line# of a #narrow street# or 15 feet or more from the #street line# of a #wide street#, provided that the aggregate area so occupied within 50 feet of a #narrow street# shall not exceed 2,250 square feet and the aggregate area so occupied within 40 feet of a #wide street# shall not exceed 2,000 square feet.

Unenclosed balconies, subject to the provisions of Section 24-164 (Balconies), are permitted to project into or over open areas not occupied by towers.

33-452 - Community facility buildings in C1 or C2 Districts when mapped within R7-2 through R12 Districts

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1-1 C1-2 C1-3 C1-4 C1-5 C2-1 C2-2 C2-3 C2-4 C2-5

In the districts indicated, when mapped within an R7-2, R7-3, R8, R9, R10, R11 or R12 District, the provisions set forth in Section 33-451 (In certain specified Commercial Districts) shall apply to any #community facility building#. If a #building# is used for both #community facility# and #commercial# #uses#, no portion of such #building# occupied by #commercial# #use# shall penetrate the #sky exposure plane# as set forth in Sections 33-43 (Maximum Height of Walls and Required Setbacks) or 33-44 (Alternate Front Setbacks).

33-453 - Community facility buildings in certain specified Commercial Districts

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1-6 C1-7 C1-8 C1-9 C2-6 C2-7 C2-8 C4-4 C4-5 C4-6 C4-8 C4-9 C4-11 C4-12 C5-1 C6-1 C6-2 C6-3 C8-3 C8-4

In the districts indicated, the provisions set forth in Section 33-451 (In certain specified Commercial Districts) shall apply to any #community facility building#. If a #building# is used for both #community facility# and #commercial# #uses#, no portion of such #building# occupied by #commercial# #use# shall penetrate the #sky exposure plane# as set forth in Section 33-43 (Maximum Height of Walls and Required Setbacks) or 33-44 (Alternate Front Setbacks).

33-454 - Towers on small lots

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C4-4 C4-5 C4-6 C4-7 C4-8 C4-9 C4-11 C-4-12 C5 C6 C8-3 C8-4

In the districts indicated, a tower permitted under the provisions of Sections 33-451 (In certain specified Commercial Districts), 33-452 (Community facility buildings in C1 or C2 Districts when mapped within R7-2 through R12 Districts) or 33-453 (Community facility buildings in certain specified Commercial Districts) may occupy the percent of the #lot area# of a #zoning lot# set forth in the following table:

LOT COVERAGE OF TOWERS ON SMALL ZONING LOTS

Area of #Zoning Lot# (in square feet)	Maximum Percent of #Lot Coverage#
10,500 or less	50
10,501 to 11,500	49
11,501 to 12,500	48
12,501 to 13,500	47
13,501 to 14,500	46

14,501 to 15,500	45
15,501 to 16,500	44
16,501 to 17,500	43
17,501 to 18,500	42
18,501 to 19,999	41

33-455 - Alternate regulations for towers on lots bounded by two or more streets

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C5-3 C5-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12

In the districts indicated, if a #zoning lot# is bounded by at least two #street lines#, a tower may occupy the percent of the #lot area# of a #zoning lot# set forth in this Section, provided that, except as otherwise set forth in Section 33-457 (Tower setbacks on narrow blocks), all portions of any #building# or #buildings# on such #zoning lot#, including such tower, are set back from #street lines# as required in this Section.

(a) The maximum percent of #lot area# that may be occupied by such tower, shall be the sum of 40 percent plus one-half of one percent for every .10 by which the #floor area ratio# of such #zoning lot# is less than the #floor area ratio# permitted under the provisions of Sections 33-12 (Maximum Floor Area Ratio), 33-13 (Floor Area Bonus for a Public Plaza) or 33-14 (Floor

Area Bonus for Arcades). The maximum #lot coverage# for any tower built under the provisions of this Section or for any #building# or #buildings# on any #zoning lot# occupied by such tower shall be 55 percent of the #lot area# of such #zoning lot#.

(b) At all levels, including ground level, such #building# shall be set back from the #street line# as follows:

(1) On #narrow streets#, by a distance equal to at least the fraction of the #aggregate width of street walls# of the tower, the numerator of which fraction is one and the denominator of which fraction is the sum of 3.0 plus .0667 for every .10 by which the #floor area ratio# of such #building# is less than the #floor area ratio# permitted under the provisions of Sections 33-12, 33-13 or 33-14, provided that such fraction shall be no less than one-fifth, and provided further that such setback need not exceed 45 feet.

(2) On #wide streets#, by a distance equal to at least the fraction of the #aggregate width of street walls# of the tower, the numerator of which fraction is one and the denominator of which fraction is the sum of 4.0 plus .10 for every .10 by which the #floor area ratio# of such #building# is less than the #floor area ratio# permitted under the provisions of Sections 33-12, 33-13 or 33-14, provided that such fraction shall be no less than one-seventh, and provided further that such setback need not exceed 35 feet.

(c) If a #zoning lot# occupies an entire #block#, the maximum setback, set forth in paragraph (b) of this Section, of 45 feet on each #narrow street# bounding the #zoning lot# may be reduced by one foot for every six feet of setback provided on a #wide street# bounding the #zoning lot# in addition to the setbacks otherwise required for #wide streets# as set forth in such paragraph, provided that no setback on a #narrow street# resulting from such reduction shall be less than 35 feet or one-tenth the #aggregate width of street walls# of the tower, whichever shall require the greater setback.

(d) The additional setbacks on #wide streets# set forth in paragraph (c) of this Section may be provided entirely on one #wide street# or divided in any proportion among any two #wide streets# bounding the #zoning lot#.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision set forth in this Section, no #building# or portion of a #building# built under the provisions of this Section shall be set back less than 25 feet from the #street line# on #narrow streets# or less than 15 feet from the #street line# on #wide streets#.

33-456 - Alternate setback regulations on lots bounded by two or more streets

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C5-3 C5-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12

In the districts indicated, except as otherwise set forth in Section 33-457 (Tower setbacks on narrow blocks), if a #zoning lot# is bounded by at least two #street lines#, a tower occupying not more than the percent of #lot area# set forth in Section 33-451 (In certain specified Commercial Districts) or 33-454 (Towers on small lots), may be set back from a #street line# as follows:

(a) On #narrow streets#, by a distance equal to at least the fraction of the #aggregate width of street walls# of the tower, the numerator of which fraction is one and the denominator of which fraction is the sum of 3.0 plus .0333 for each .10 by which the #floor area ratio# of the #zoning lot# is less than the #floor area ratio# permitted under the provisions of Section 33-12 , 33-13 or 33-14, provided that such fraction shall be no less than one-fifth, and provided further that such setback need not exceed 45 feet.

(b) On #wide streets#, by a distance equal to at least the fraction of the #aggregate width of street walls# of the tower, the numerator of which fraction is one and the denominator of which fraction is the sum of 4.0 plus .05 for each .10 by which the #floor area ratio# of the #zoning lot# is less than the #floor area ratio# permitted under the provisions of Sections 33-12 (Maximum Floor Area Ratio), 33-13 (Floor Area Bonus for a Public Plaza) or 33-14 (Floor Area Bonus for Arcades), provided that such fraction shall be no less than one-seventh, and provided further that such setback need not exceed 35 feet.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions set forth in this Section, no tower built under the provisions of this Section shall be set back less than 25 feet from the #street line# on #narrow streets# or less than 15 feet from the #street line# on #wide streets#.

33-457 - Tower setbacks on narrow blocks

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C5-3 C5-5 C6-6 C6-7 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12

In the districts indicated, if a #zoning lot# is bounded by at least three #street lines#, and any two of the #street lines# are opposite to each other and parallel or within 45 degrees of being parallel to each other, and their average distance apart is 150 feet or less, the minimum distance a tower is required to be set back from such opposite #street lines# under the provisions of Section 33-455 (Alternate regulations for towers on lots bounded by two or more streets) or Section 33-456 (Alternate setback regulations on lots bounded by two or more streets), is reduced in accordance with the following table:

TOWER SETBACKS ON NARROW BLOCKS

	Reduction of Required Tower Setback	Minimum Setback for Tower Built under Provisions of this Section
On #narrow street#	30 percent or 10 feet, whichever is less	15 feet
On #wide street#	40 percent or 10 feet, whichever is less	10 feet

33-46 - Height and Setback Provisions for C7 Districts

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

For C7 Districts, a #building or other structure# shall not exceed the maximum base heights or maximum #building# height set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section. A setback is required for all portions or #buildings or other structures# that exceed the maximum base height specified in paragraph (a) and shall be provided in accordance with paragraph (b). In districts without a maximum height limit, the tower provisions set forth in paragraph (c) shall apply.

(a) Maximum base heights and maximum #building# heights

The table below sets forth the maximum base heights and maximum #building or other structure# heights.

MAXIMUM BASE HEIGHT AND MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT

District	Maximum Base Height (in feet)	Maximum Height of #Buildings or other Structures# (in feet)
C7-1	45	65
C7-2	65	95
C7-3	95	125
C7-4	125	155
C7-5	155	205
C7-6	155	245
C7-7	155	325
C7-8 C7-9	155	N/A

In addition, for #zoning lots# with a #lot area# greater than or equal to 20,000 square feet, a #building# may exceed the maximum building heights established in such table by 25 percent.

(b) Any portion of a #building# above the maximum base height shall provide a setback with a depth of at least 10 feet from any #street wall# fronting on a #wide street# and a depth of at least 15 feet from any #street wall# fronting on a #narrow street#. However, such setback requirement may be modified as follows:

(1) the depth of such required setback may be reduced by one foot for every foot that the #street wall# is located beyond the #street line#, but in no event shall a setback of less

than seven feet in depth be provided, except as otherwise set forth in this Section. To allow #street wall# articulation, where a #street wall# is divided into different segments and located at varying depths from the #street line#, such permitted setback reduction may be applied to each #street wall# portion separately;

(2) the depth of such required setbacks may include the depth of recesses in the #street wall# of the #building# base, provided that the aggregate width of any such recessed portion of a #street wall# with a setback less than seven feet, does not exceed 30 percent of the #aggregate width of #street wall# at any level;

(3) these setback provisions are optional for any #building that either is located beyond 50 feet of a #street line# or oriented so that lines drawn perpendicular to it, in plan, would intersect a #street line# at an angle of 65 degrees or less. In the case of an irregular #street line#, the line connecting the most extreme points of intersection shall be deemed to be the #street line#; and

(4) dormers may penetrate a required setback area, provided that the aggregate width of all dormers at the maximum base height does not exceed 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the highest #story# entirely below the maximum base height#. Such dormers need not decrease in width as the height above the maximum base height increases.

(c) Towers

For #buildings# in C7-8 and C7-9 Districts, no maximum height limit shall apply. However, any portion of a #building# above a height of 350 feet shall have a maximum #lot coverage# of 50 percent of the #lot area# of the #zoning lot#.

33-47 - Modification of Height and Setback Regulations

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

33-471 - Commercial and community facility uses

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C5-5 C6-8 C6-9 C6-11 C6-12 C8

In the districts indicated, for #commercial# or #community facility# #uses# in specified situations, the Board of Standards and Appeals may modify the regulations set forth in Sections 33-41 (Definitions) to 33-45 (Tower Regulations), inclusive, relating to Height and Setback Regulations, in accordance with the provisions of Section 73-68 (Height and Setback and Yard Modifications).

33-472 - Community facility uses

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, for certain #community facility# #uses# in specified situations, the Board of Standards and Appeals may modify the regulations set forth in Sections 33-40 through 33-45, inclusive, relating to Height and Setback Regulations in accordance with the provisions of Section 73-64 (Modifications for community facility uses).

33-473 - Special provisions for zoning lots directly adjoining public parks

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, a #public park# with an area of between one and 15 acres shall be considered a #wide street# for the purpose of applying the front height and setback regulations specified in Section 33-43 (Maximum Height of Walls and Required Setbacks) to any #building or other structure# on a #zoning lot# adjoining such #public park#. However, this Section shall not apply to a #public park# more than 75 percent of which is paved.

33-48 - Special Provisions for Zoning Lots Divided by District Boundaries

LAST AMENDED
8/14/1987

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, whenever a #zoning lot# is divided by a boundary between districts, or is subject to other regulations resulting in different height and setback regulations, or whenever a #zoning lot# is divided by a boundary between a district to which the provisions of Section 33-45 (Tower Regulations) apply and a district to which such provisions do not apply, the provisions set forth in Article VII, Chapter 7, shall apply.

33-49 - Special Height and Setback Limitations

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

The provisions of this Section, inclusive, shall apply to #buildings# utilizing the #sky exposure plane# provisions of this Chapter. In no event shall such provisions apply to #buildings# that utilize the #residential# height and setback regulations of Section 23-40 (HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS), inclusive, as modified by the provisions of Section 35-60 (MODIFICATION OF HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS).

33-491 - Limited Height Districts

LAST AMENDED
6/29/1994

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, wherever such districts are located within a #Limited Height District#, the maximum height of a #building or other structure#, or portion thereof, shall be as shown in the following table:

#Limited Height District#	Maximum Height Above #Curb Level# or #Base Plane#, as Applicable
LH-1	50 feet

LH-1A	60 feet
LH-2	70 feet
LH-3	100 feet

33-492 - Height limitations for narrow buildings or enlargements

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

In C1 or C2 Districts mapped within, or with a #residential equivalent# of, R7-2, R8, R9 or R10 Districts, the provisions of Section 23-738 (Height limitations for narrow buildings) shall apply to portions of #buildings# with #street walls# less than 45 feet in width.

33-50 - COURT REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN WINDOWS AND WALLS OR LOT LINES

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

Basic Regulations

33-51 - Minimum Dimensions of Courts for Community Facility Buildings

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8

In all districts, as indicated, the regulations set forth in the following Sections shall apply to all #buildings# containing #community facility# #uses#:

Section 24-61 (General Provisions and Applicability)

Section 24-62 (Minimum Dimensions of Courts)

Section 24-63 (Outer Court Regulations)

Section 24-64 (Inner Court Regulations)

Section 24-65 (Minimum Distance Between Required Windows and Walls or Lot Lines)

Section 24-66 (Modifications of Court Regulations or Distance Requirements)

Section 24-67 (Permitted Obstructions in Courts).