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**Chapter 2
Use Regulations**

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**22-00
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

In order to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Resolution, the #uses# of #buildings or other structures# and of tracts of land have been classified and combined into Use Groups.

A brief statement is inserted at the start of each Use Group to describe and clarify the basic characteristics of that Use Group.

Use Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4, including each #use# listed separately therein, are permitted in #Residence Districts# as indicated in Sections 22-11 to 22-14, inclusive.

The following chart sets forth the Use Groups permitted in the #Residence Districts#.

USE GROUPS PERMITTED IN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS

		Use Groups			
		Residential		Community Facilities	
		1	2	3	4
Districts					
#Single-family detached residences#	R1 R2	x		x	x
#Single-# and #two-family detached# and #zero lot line residences*#	R3A	x	x	x	x
#Single-# and #two-family detached residences#	R3X R4A R5A	x	x	x	x
#Single-# and #two-family detached# & #semi-detached residences#	R3-1	x	x	x	x
#Single-# and #two-family					

detached#, #semi-detached# and #zero lot line residences#	R4-1	x	x	x	x
#Single-# and #two-family residences# of all types	R4B	x	x	x	x
General #residences#*	R3-2 R4-R10	x	x	x	x

* #Zero lot line buildings# are not permitted in R3-2, R4 (except R4-1 and R4B), and R5 (except R5B and R5D) Districts.

Whenever a #use# is specifically listed in a Use Group and also could be construed to be incorporated within a more inclusive #use# listing, either in the same or another Use Group, the more specific listing shall control.

The #uses# listed in the various Use Groups set forth in Sections 22-11 to 22-14, inclusive, are also listed in alphabetical order in the Index at the end of this Resolution for the convenience of those using this Resolution. Whenever there is any difference in meaning or implication between the text of these Use Groups and the text of the Index, the text of these Use Groups shall prevail.

Special regulations applying in the #waterfront area# are set forth in Article VI, Chapter 2.

In R10H Districts, an eating or drinking establishment, permitted pursuant to Section 72-21 (Findings Required for Variances), that operates a #sidewalk cafe# pursuant to the provisions of Article I, Chapter 4, may be #enlarged# into any open area that may exist between the #street wall# and the #street line#.

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USES PERMITTED AS-OF-RIGHT

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Use Group 1

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Use Group 1 consists of #single-family detached residential development#.

A. #Residential uses#

#Single-family detached residence#

B. #Accessory uses#

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Use Group 2

R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Use Group 2 consists of all other types of #residential development#.

A. #Residential uses#

#Residences# of all kinds, including #apartment hotels# and #non-profit residences for the elderly#, except that:

- (1) in R3-A, R3X, R4A and R5A Districts, #residential uses# shall be limited to #single-# or #two-family detached residences# except that in R3A Districts single- or two-family #zero lot line buildings# are also permitted;
- (2) in R3-1 and R4-1 Districts, #residential uses# shall be limited to #single-# or #two-family residences detached# or #semi-detached# except that in R4-1 Districts single- or two-family #zero lot line buildings# are also permitted;
- (3) in R4B Districts, #residential uses# shall be limited to #single-# or #two-family residences# in #detached#, #semi-detached#, #attached#, or #zero lot line buildings#.

B. #Accessory uses#

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Use Group 3

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Use Group 3 consists of community facilities which:

- (1) may appropriately be located in #residential# areas to serve educational needs or to provide other essential services for the residents; or
- (2) can perform their activities more effectively in a #residential# environment, unaffected by objectionable influences from adjacent industrial or general service #uses#; and
- (3) do not create significant objectionable influences in #residential# areas.

A. Community facilities

*Colleges or universities, including professional schools but excluding business colleges or trade schools

*College or school student dormitories and fraternity or sorority student houses

**Domiciliary care facilities for adults under the jurisdiction of the New York State Board of Social Welfare which have secured certification by such agency.

Libraries, museums or non-commercial art galleries

Monasteries, convents or novitiates, without restrictions as to use for living purposes or location in relation to other #uses#.

#Non-profit hospital staff dwellings# located on the same #zoning lot# as the non-profit or voluntary hospital and related facilities or on a separate #zoning lot# that is immediately contiguous thereto or would be contiguous but for its separation by a #street# or a #street# intersection.

Nursing homes and health-related facilities as defined in the New York State Hospital Code, each of which have secured certification by the appropriate governmental agency: sanitariums; and philanthropic or non-profit institutions with sleeping accommodations provided that the number of

persons employed in central office functions shall not exceed 50, and the amount of #floor area# used for central office purposes shall not exceed 25 percent of the total #floor area# or 25,000 square feet, whichever is greater, except that in R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6 or R7 Districts, the amount of #floor area# used for central office purposes shall in no event exceed 25 percent of the total #floor area#; however, proprietary nursing homes, proprietary health-related facilities, proprietary domiciliary care facilities for adults and proprietary sanitariums are not permitted in R1 and R2 Districts.

Furthermore, nursing homes and health-related facilities are not permitted, except by special permit as set forth in Section 74-90, within the boundaries of any Community District designated by the City Planning Commission and Board of Estimate pursuant to Section 74-903 upon a finding that:

- (1) the ratio between the number of beds for such #uses# in existence, under construction or approved toward construction by the appropriate federal or state governmental agency, to the population of the Community District compared to such ratio for other Community Districts shows a relative concentration of facilities covered in this Section in the affected district; or
- (2) a scarcity of land for general community purposes exists; or
- (3) the incidence of construction of facilities for the last three years warrants review over these facilities because they threaten to disrupt the land use balance in the community.

#Schools#

B. #Accessory uses#

* A #use# in Use Group 3, marked with an asterisk, is not permitted in R1 or R2 Districts as-of-right.

** A #use# marked with a double asterisk is not permitted as-of-right and may only be permitted by special permit by the City Planning Commission and Board of Estimate pursuant to Section 74-904.

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Use Group 4

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Use Group 4 consists primarily of community facilities which:

- (1) may appropriately be located in #residential# areas to provide recreational, religious, health, and other essential services for the residents; or
- (2) can perform their activities more effectively in a #residential# environment, unaffected by objectionable influences from adjacent medium and heavy industrial #uses#; and
- (3) do not create significant objectionable influences in #residential# areas.

Those open #uses# of land which are compatible with a #residential# environment are also included.

A. Community facilities

***Ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities, limited to public, private, for-profit or not-for-profit medical, health and mental health care facilities in which patients are diagnosed or treated by health care professionals, licensed by the New York State Department of Education or successor agency for medical, health or mental health conditions, and where such patients are ambulatory rather than admitted. Such facilities shall not include the practice of veterinary medicine, #physical culture or health establishments#, or ophthalmic dispensing. In #buildings# containing #residences#, such facilities shall be limited to locations below the level of the first #story# ceiling, except that such facilities may be located on a second #story# provided there is separate access from the outside or directly from a portion of such facility located on the ground floor.

*Clubs, except:

- (a) clubs, the chief activity of which is a service predominantly carried on as a business;
- (b) non-commercial outdoor swimming pool clubs; or

- (c) any other non-commercial clubs with outdoor swimming pools located less than 500 feet from any #lot line#;
- (d) any activity or #use# listed within the definitions of either #adult physical culture establishments# or #physical culture or health establishments# in Section 12-10

Community centers or settlement houses

Houses of worship, rectories or parish houses

Monasteries, convents or novitiates used only for living purposes, provided that such #use# is to be part of a group of #buildings# accommodating house of worship activities, #schools# or other house of worship facilities that existed on December 15, 1961, or any applicable subsequent amendment thereto, and that such #use# is to be located on the same #zoning lot# with one or more #buildings# in such group of #buildings# or on a #zoning lot# that is contiguous thereto or directly across the #street# on that such #buildings# face.

Non-commercial recreation centers

#Non-profit hospital staff dwellings# restricted to location on the same #zoning lot# as the non-profit or voluntary hospital and related facilities or on a separate #zoning lot# immediately contiguous thereto

Non-profit or voluntary hospitals and related facilities, except animal hospitals

Philanthropic or non-profit institutions without sleeping accommodations excluding ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities listed in Use Group 4, provided that the number of persons employed in central office functions shall not exceed 50, and the amount of #floor area# used for central office purposes shall not exceed 25 percent of the total #floor area# or 25,000 square feet, whichever is greater, except that in R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6 or R7 Districts the amount of #floor area# used for central office purposes shall in no event exceed 25 percent of the total #floor area#

*Proprietary hospitals and related facilities, except animal hospitals

Seminaries

*Welfare centers

B. Open #uses#

Agricultural #uses#, including greenhouses, nurseries, or truck gardens, provided that no offensive odors or dust are created, and that there is no sale of products not produced on the same #zoning lot#.

*Cemeteries

Golf courses

*Outdoor tennis courts or ice skating rinks, provided that all lighting shall be directed away from nearby #residential zoning lots#.

#Public parks# or playgrounds or private parks

**Railroad or transit rights-of-way.

C. #Accessory uses#

* A #use# in Use Group 4, marked with an asterisk, is not permitted in R1 or R2 Districts as-of-right.

** Use of #railroad or transit air space# is subject to the provisions of Section 22-41 (Air Space over Railroad or Transit Rights-of-Way or Yard).

*** Not permitted in R1 or R2 Districts and, in R3A, R3X, R3-1, R4A, R4B or R4-1 Districts, limited to a maximum of 1,500 square feet of #floor area#.

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USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT

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By the Board of Standards and Appeals

In the districts indicated, the following #uses# are permitted by special permit of the Board of Standards and Appeals, in accordance with standards set forth in Article VII, Chapter 3.

R3A, R3X, R3-1, R4A, R4B, R4-1

Ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities listed in Use Group 4, limited to a maximum of 10,000 square feet of #floor area#.

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Camps, overnight or outdoor day [PRC-H]

R1 R2

Clubs, except:

- (a) clubs, the chief activity of which is a service predominantly carried on as a business;
- (b) non-commercial outdoor swimming pool clubs; or
- (c) any other non-commercial clubs with outdoor swimming pools located less than 500 feet from any #lot line#;
- (d) any activities or #uses# listed within the definitions of either #adult physical culture establishments# or #physical culture or health establishments# in Section 12-10.

R1 R2

Colleges or universities, including professional schools, but excluding business colleges or trade schools

R1 R2

College or school student dormitories or fraternity or sorority student houses

R1 R2

Outdoor tennis courts or ice skating rinks, provided that all lighting shall be directed away from nearby #residential zoning lots#

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Public utility or public service facilities

Electric or gas utility substations, limited in each case to a site of not more than 10,000 square feet

Electric utility substations, limited to a site of not less than 10,000 square feet nor more than 40,000 square feet

Public transit or railroad electric substations, limited in each case to a site of not less than 10,000 square feet nor more than 40,000 square feet

Public utility stations for oil or gas metering or regulating

Telephone exchanges or other communications equipment structures

Terminal facilities at river crossings for access to electric, gas, or steam lines

Water or sewage pumping stations

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Radio or television towers, non-#accessory#

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Riding academies or stables [PRC-C]

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Sand, gravel, or clay pits

R1 R2

Welfare centers

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By the City Planning Commission

In the districts indicated, the following #uses# are permitted by special permit of the City Planning Commission, in accordance with standards set forth in Article VII, Chapter 4, or as otherwise indicated in this Section.

R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Docks for ferries or water taxis as listed in Use Group 6 pursuant to Section 62-832

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Domiciliary care facilities for adults

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Fire stations [PRC-C]

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Non-commercial clubs with outdoor swimming pools less than 500

feet from any #lot line#

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10
Non-commercial outdoor swimming pool clubs

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10
#Non-profit hospital staff dwellings# located not more than 1,500 feet from the non-profit or voluntary hospital

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10
Nursing home and health related facilities in Community Districts designated in Section 74-903. The special permit provisions, however, shall not apply to proprietary nursing homes, proprietary health related facilities and proprietary domiciliary care facilities for adults in R1 and R2 Districts.

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10
Police stations [PRC-C]

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10
Public transit, railroad, or electric utility substations, limited in each case to a site of not less than 40,000 square feet and not more than 10 acres

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10
Railroad passenger stations

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10
Seaplane bases

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10
Sewage disposal plants

R10-H
#Transient hotels#

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10
#Uses# listed in a permitted Use Group for which #railroad or transit air space# is #developed#.

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SIGN REGULATIONS

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22-31

Definitions

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

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22-32

Permitted Non-Illuminated Accessory Signs

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, non-#illuminated accessory signs# are permitted as set forth in this Section, subject to the provisions of Section 22-34 (Additional Regulations).

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22-321

Nameplates or identification signs

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

- (a) For all #residential buildings#, one nameplate, with an area not exceeding one square foot and indicating only the name or address of the occupant or a permitted occupation, is permitted for each #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#.
- (b) For multiple dwellings, including #apartment hotels#, or for permitted non-#residential buildings or other structures# exclusive of hospitals and related facilities, one identification #sign#, with an area not exceeding 12 square feet and indicating only the name of the permitted #use#, the name or address of the #building#, or the name of the management thereof, is permitted. For #community facility uses#, except hospitals and related facilities, a bulletin board, with an area not exceeding 16 square feet, is also permitted. For any #sign# on awnings or canopies, the height of letters on any side of such awnings or canopies shall not exceed 12 inches.
- (c) For hospitals and related facilities any number of identification or directional #signs# are permitted, provided the total #surface area# in square feet of all such

#signs# shall not exceed 25 square feet on any one #street# frontage or 15 percent of such #street# frontage in feet, whichever is less. In addition to the aforementioned #signs#, either one directory or bulletin board, or combination thereof is permitted, not to exceed 50 square feet.

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"For sale" or "for rent" signs

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

"For sale" or "for rent" #signs#, with an area not exceeding 12 square feet, are permitted. If located on vacant land, such a #sign# shall not be within 15 feet of the #street line#, nor within six feet of any other #lot line#.

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Signs for parking areas

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

One #sign#, with an area not exceeding two square feet, designating each entrance to or exit from an off-street parking area, open or enclosed, is permitted. No such #sign# shall be higher than seven feet above #curb level#.

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Signs on Lots Containing Certain Community Facilities

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Permitted illuminated accessory signs for hospitals and related facilities

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, for hospitals and related facilities #illuminated# non-#flashing accessory signs# are permitted in all districts, subject to Section 22-34 (Additional Regulations). Any number of #illuminated# non-#flashing# identification or directional #signs# are permitted, provided that the total #surface area# in square feet of said #illuminated signs# or the combined total #surface area# in square feet of the #illuminated# and non-#illuminated# identification or directional #signs# does not exceed 25 square feet on any one #street# frontage or 15 percent of such #street# frontage in feet, whichever is less, and provided further that the Commissioner of Buildings determines that such #signs# are so located as to cause a minimum amount of light to be projected onto abutting or adjacent #residences#. In addition to #illuminated# or non-#illuminated accessory signs#, one illuminated non-flashing directory or bulletin board or combination thereof is permitted in lieu of a non-illuminated directory or bulletin board or combination thereof provided that the total #sign# area does not exceed 50 square feet and provided further that the Commissioner of Buildings determines that such #sign# is so located as to minimize the amount of light projected on the abutting or adjacent #residences#.

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Flags, banners or pennants on lots containing certain community facilities

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, flags, banners or pennants other than those that are #advertising signs#, located on any #zoning lot# used primarily for #community facility uses# of a civic, philanthropic, educational or religious nature, are permitted without limitation.

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22-34

Additional Regulations

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts as indicated, any #sign# permitted under the provisions of Section 22-32 (Permitted Non-illuminated Accessory Signs), and Section 22-33 (Permitted Illuminated Accessory Signs for Hospitals and Related Facilities) shall conform to the regulations set forth in this Section.

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Projecting signs

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

No #sign# shall project across a #street line# more than 12 inches.

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Height of signs

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

No #sign# shall extend above the ground floor ceiling, or more than 20 feet above #curb level#, whichever is less.

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Number of signs

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

Except as otherwise provided in Section 22-32 (Permitted Non-Illuminated Accessory Signs) or Section 22-33 (Permitted Illuminated Accessory Signs for Hospitals and Related Facilities), not more than one #sign# is permitted for each #use#, #building# or #dwelling unit#, and not more than two #signs# for each professional office. On a #corner lot# or #through lot#, one #sign# (or for professional offices, two #signs#) is permitted on each #street#.

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Advertising Signs on Waterways

No moving or stationary "advertising sign" shall be displayed on a vessel plying waterways adjacent to #Residence Districts# and within view from an arterial highway. For the purposes of this Section, arterial highways shall include all highways that are shown on the Master Plan of Arterial Highways and Major Streets as "principal routes," "parkways" or "toll crossings" and that have been designated by the City Planning Commission as arterial highways to which the provisions of this Section shall apply. For the purposes of this Section "advertising sign" is a sign that directs attention to a profession, business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than upon the premises of the vessel and is not #accessory# to a #use# on such vessel.

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SUPPLEMENTARY USE REGULATIONS

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22-41

Air Space over a Railroad or Transit Right-of-way or Yard

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Definitions

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

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22-412

Use of railroad or transit air space

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

- (a) In all districts, as indicated, #railroad or transit air space# may be #developed# or used only for a permitted #use accessory# to the railroad or transit right-of-way or yard, a #use# permitted by the City Planning Commission as set forth in Section 74-681 (Development within or over a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard), or a railroad passenger station permitted by the City Planning Commission as set forth in Section 74-62 (Railroad Passenger Stations) unless the right-of-way or yard or portion thereof is no longer required for railroad or transit #use# as set forth in paragraph (b) below.

If any #building or other structure# constructed in such #railroad or transit air space# in accordance with the provisions of Section 74-681 (Development within or over a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard) is #enlarged# or replaced by a new #building or other structure#, the provisions of this Section shall apply to such #enlargement# or replacement.

However, any #use# legally established in such #railroad or transit air space# in accordance with the provisions of Section 74-681 (Development within or over a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard) may be changed to another #use# listed in a permitted Use Group, and no additional special permit from the City Planning Commission shall be required for such change of #use#.

Any #building or other structure# within or over a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard, which #building or other structure# was completed prior to September 27, 1962, or constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 11-31 to 11-34, inclusive, prior to December 5, 1991, may be #enlarged# or replaced in accordance with the applicable district regulations without any requirement for a special permit from the City Planning Commission. Ownership of rights permitting the #enlargement# or replacement of such a #building or other structure# shall be deemed to be equivalent to ownership of a #zoning lot# or portion thereof, provided that such #enlargement# or replacement will be on one #block# and the rights are in single ownership and recorded prior to February 22, 1990. Such ownership of rights shall be deemed to include alternative arrangements specified in the #zoning lot# definition in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS).

#Enlargement# or replacement utilizing these ownership rights shall be deemed to be constructed upon the equivalent of a #zoning lot#.

- (b) When the #use# of a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard or portion thereof has been permanently discontinued or terminated and is proposed for #development# as a #large-scale residential# or #community facility development# or a #general large-scale development# requiring one or more special permits, no use or #development# of the property shall be allowed until the City Planning Commission has authorized the size and configuration of all #zoning lots# on such property as part of such large-scale #development#. As a condition for such authorization, the Commission shall find that:

- (1) the proposed #zoning lots#, indicated by a map describing the boundaries of and the total area of each lot, are not excessively large, elongated or irregular in shape and that no #development# on any #zoning lot# would result in the potential for an excessive concentration of #bulk# that would be incompatible with allowable #development# on adjoining property; and
- (2) each resulting #zoning lot# has direct access to one or more #streets#.

No subsequent alteration in size or configuration of any #zoning lot# approved by the Commission shall be permitted unless authorized by the Commission. The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects of such #zoning lot# designation on the character of the surrounding area. Such conditions shall be set forth in a written Declaration of Restrictions covering all tracts of land or in separate written Declarations of Restrictions covering parts of such tracts of land and which in the aggregate cover the entire tract of land comprising the #zoning lot# and which is executed and recorded as specified in the definition of #zoning lot# in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS).

Prior to granting any #zoning lot# authorization relating to the above mentioned right-of-way or yard, the City Planning Commission shall request the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Departments of Transportation of the State of New York and the City of New York to indicate within 30 days whether said agencies have any plan to use such property or portion thereof for a railroad or transit #use#.

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Certification of Certain Community Facility Uses

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all #Residence Districts#, for any nursing homes and health-related facilities or #enlargement#, #extension# or change in #use# thereof not located within a Community District in which special permits are required under Section 74-903 (Designation of Community Districts in which special permits are required for certain community facility uses), the City Planning Commission shall certify to the Department of Buildings, prior to the filing of any plans by the developer of such #use#, that none of the findings that are a precondition of designation pursuant to Section 74-903 exist in the Community District within which such #use# is to be located. If the Commission finds to the contrary, it shall initiate designation of a Section 74-903 district.

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Detached and Semi-Detached Two-Family Residences

R3-1 R3A R3X R4-1 R4A

In R3A, R3X or R4A Districts, a #detached two-family residence# shall be designed so that at least 75 percent of the #floor area# of one #dwelling unit# is located directly above or directly below the other, and in R3-1 or R4-1 Districts, a #semi-detached two-family residence# shall be designed so that at least 75 percent of the #floor area# of one #dwelling unit# is located directly above or directly below the other.

The City Planning Commission may, upon application, authorize the waiver of these requirements provided that the Commission finds that:

- (a) the #development# is compatible with the scale and character of the surrounding area; and
- (b) the design of:
 - (1) the #detached building# does not give the appearance of a #semi-detached building#; or

- (2) the #semi-detached building# does not give the appearance of an #attached building#; and each #dwelling unit# has a perimeter wall with windows facing a #side yard#.

Applications for authorizations shall be referred to the affected Community Board for a period of at least 30 days for comment. The City Planning Commission shall grant in whole or in part or deny the application within 60 days of the completion of the Community Board review period.