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**Article IX - Special Purpose Districts**

**Chapter 6**

**Special Clinton District**

(1/19/05)

**96-00**

**GENERAL PURPOSES**

The "Special Clinton District" (hereinafter also referred to as the "Special District"), established in this Resolution, is designed to promote and protect public health, safety, general welfare and amenity. Because of the unique geographical location of the Clinton community, situated between the waterfront on the west and a growing central business district on the east, it is necessary to provide specific programs and regulations which will assure realization of community and city-wide goals.

These goals include, among others, the following:

- (a) to preserve and strengthen the residential character of the community;
- (b) to permit rehabilitation and new construction within the area in character with the existing scale of the community and at rental levels which will not substantially alter the mixture of income groups presently residing in the area;
- (c) to preserve the small-scale character and variety of existing stores and activities and to control new commercial uses in conformity with the existing character of the area;
- (d) to recognize the unique character of the eastern edge of the District as an integral part of the Theater Subdistrict within the Special Midtown District as well as the Special Clinton District;
- (e) to provide an appropriate transition from the mixed-use character along Eighth Avenue to the lower-scale residential character of the Clinton community on the narrow streets;
- (f) to relate the unique character of the 42nd Street Perimeter

Area to the adjacent #Special Hudson Yards District#;

- (g) to provide amenities, such as street trees, to improve the physical environment;
- (h) to restrict demolition of buildings that are suitable for rehabilitation and continued residential use; and
- (i) to promote the most desirable use of land in the area and thus to conserve the value of land and buildings, and thereby protect the City's tax revenues, consistent with the foregoing purposes.

(12/21/05)

## **96-01**

### **Definitions**

Definitions specially applicable to this Chapter are set forth in this Section. The definitions of other defined terms are as set forth in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS).

Certification of no harassment

"Certification of no harassment" shall mean a certification by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development pursuant to Section 96-110 that there has not been #harassment# of the lawful occupants of a #multiple dwelling# during the #inquiry period#, as defined in Section 96-110.

Harassment

"Harassment" shall mean any conduct by or on behalf of an owner of a #multiple dwelling# that includes:

- (a) the use or threatened use of force which causes or is intended to cause any person lawfully entitled to occupancy of a #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# in such #multiple dwelling# to vacate such unit or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy;
- (b) the interruption or discontinuance of essential services

which:

- (1) interferes with or disturbs or is intended to interfere with or disturb the comfort, repose, peace or quiet of any person lawfully entitled to occupancy of a #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# in the use or occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; and
  - (2) causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# to vacate such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy;
- (c) a failure to comply with the provisions of subdivision (c) of section 27-2140 of article seven of subchapter five of the Housing Maintenance Code which causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# to vacate such unit or to waive any rights in relation to such occupancy; or
- (d) any other conduct which prevents or is intended to prevent any person from the lawful occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# or causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# to vacate such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy, including but not limited to removing the possessions of any occupant from the #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; removing the door at the entrance to the #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; removing, plugging or otherwise rendering the lock on such entrance door inoperable; or changing the lock on such entrance door without supplying the occupant with a key.

For purposes of this definition, #dwelling unit#, #referral date# and #rooming unit# shall be defined as in Section 96-110.

#### Material alteration

"Material alteration" shall mean any alteration to a #multiple dwelling# including, but not limited to, an alteration which reduces or increases the #floor area# of the #multiple dwelling#, converts #floor area# from residential to non-residential use, changes the number or layout of #dwelling units# or #rooming

units#, or adds or removes kitchens or bathrooms; provided, however, that #material alteration# shall not include:

- (a) an #incidental alteration# which does not change the layout of #dwelling units# or #rooming units#; or
- (b) a repair or replacement of existing elements of such #multiple dwelling# without materially modifying such elements.

For purposes of this definition, #dwelling unit# and #rooming unit# shall be defined as in Section 96-110.

#### Mixed building

For the purposes of this Chapter, a "mixed building" is a #building# in a #Commercial District# used partly for #residential use# and partly for #community facility# or #commercial use#, or a #building# in a #Residential District# used partly for #residential use# and partly for #community facility use#.

#### Multiple dwelling

"Multiple dwelling" shall have the meaning set forth in the Multiple Dwelling Law.

#### Special Clinton District (repeated from Section 12-10)

The "Special Clinton District" is a Special Purpose District designated by the letters "CL" in which special regulations set forth in Article IX, Chapter 6 apply.

The #Special Clinton District# and its regulations supplement or supersede those of the districts on which it is superimposed.

#### Special Midtown District

The "Special Midtown District" is a Special Purpose District designated by the letters "MiD" in which special regulations set forth in Article VIII, Chapter 1, apply.

(1/19/05)

**96-02**

**General Provisions**

Except as modified by the express provisions of this Chapter, the regulations of the underlying districts, or as modified by the #Special Midtown District#, remain in effect.

The #Special Midtown District# and its regulations, where applicable in the #Special Clinton District#, shall also apply and shall supplement or supersede regulations as set forth in this Chapter pursuant to Section 96-22 (Special Regulations for Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area). In the event of any conflict or discrepancy between the regulations, the more restrictive regulations shall apply in accordance with Section 11-22 (Application of Overlapping Regulations). This portion of the Special Purpose District is designated on the #zoning map# by the letters "CL-MiD."

(8/17/90)

**96-03**

**District Map**

The District Map for the #Special Clinton District# (Appendix A) identifies specific areas comprising the Special District in which special zoning regulations carry out the general purposes of the #Special Clinton District#. These areas and the sections of this Chapter which contain regulations pertaining thereto are as follows:

Area A - PRESERVATION AREA, Section 96-10

Area B - PERIMETER AREA, Section 96-20

Area C - OTHER AREAS, Section 96-30

(11/21/74)

**96-10**

**PRESERVATION AREA**

The provision of this Section shall apply to all #developments#, #enlargements#, #extensions# or alterations. All existing #buildings# within the Preservation Area shall be considered complying #buildings# for all purposes including, but not limited to, alterations, #enlargements#, #extensions# or conversions to #residential uses#. Any existing #building# which is damaged or destroyed by any means may be reconstructed to its #bulk# prior to such damage or destruction. All existing legal #uses# in enclosed #buildings# shall be considered conforming #uses#. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, any existing #commercial# or #manufacturing uses# may be changed, subject to the applicable underlying district regulations, pursuant to the change of #non-conforming use# provisions of Sections 52-31, 52-33, 52-34, 52-35 and 52-36.

(9/13/06)

**96-101**

**Floor area regulations**

For any #development# or #enlargement# within the Preservation Area, the #floor area ratio# for a #residential#, #commercial# or #community facility building#, or portions of a #mixed building# containing such #uses#, shall not exceed the following:

#Uses#	#Floor Area Ratio#
#Residential buildings# or #community facility buildings# or portions of #mixed buildings# containing #residential# or #community facility uses# in the following Districts: R8 C1-5 C2-5 C6-2	4.2
#Commercial buildings# or commercial portion of #mixed buildings# in the following Districts: C1-5 C2-5	2.0
C6-2*	4.2

\* In C6-2 Districts, for #zoning lots#, or portions thereof, comprised of listed theaters designated in

Section 81-742 of the #Special Midtown District#, the City Planning Commission shall allow a transfer of development rights pursuant to Section 81-744 (Transfer of development rights from listed theaters). The basic maximum #floor area ratio# for transfer purposes for such #zoning lots#, or portions thereof, shall be 6.02.

The maximum #floor area# in a #mixed building# shall be the maximum #floor area# permitted for either the commercial portion of such #building# or the community facility portion of such #building# or the #residential# portion of such #building#, as set forth in this Section, whichever permits the greatest amount of #floor area#.

(12/19/01)

#### **96-102**

##### **Lot coverage regulations**

For any #development# or #enlargement# within the Preservation Area, the #open space# requirement of Article II, Chapter 3, and the #lot coverage# provisions of Section 24-11, are not applicable. The #lot coverage# provisions of this Section apply to any #development# or #enlargement#. In C6-2 Districts, for the purposes of determining #lot coverage#, any part of a #building# that is listed as a permitted obstruction in #open space# or in a #rear yard# shall not be included in #lot coverage#. For #zoning lots#, or portions thereof, located within 100 feet of the #street line# of a #wide street#, the maximum #lot coverage# shall not exceed 70 percent. For all #zoning lots#, or portions thereof, located more than 100 feet from the #street line# of a #wide street#, the maximum #lot coverage# shall not exceed 60 percent.

Any new #development# containing #residential uses# shall provide a minimum of 20 percent of the #lot area# of a #zoning lot# as usable, landscaped open area for the #residential# tenants.

(4/30/08)

#### **96-103**

##### **Yard regulations**

The #yard# regulations of this Section apply to any #development#

or #enlargement#.

For #zoning lots#, or portions thereof, located within 100 feet of the #street line# of a #wide street#, no #rear yard# shall be required.

For all #zoning lots#, or portions thereof, located more than 100 feet from the #street line# of a #wide street#, a #rear yard# having a minimum depth of 30 feet shall be required.

On a #through lot#, or portion thereof, more than 100 feet from the #street line# of a #wide street# the #rear yard equivalent# provision of Section 23-532 (Required rear yard equivalents), paragraph (a), shall apply.

(11/23/04)

#### **96-104**

#### **Height regulations**

The underlying height and setback regulations shall not apply, except as set forth in Sections 23-62 or 33-42 (Permitted Obstructions), as applicable. In lieu thereof, the height and setback provisions of this Section shall apply to all #developments# and #enlargements#. All height shall be measured from #curb level#.

For #zoning lots# with #wide street# frontage, the #street wall# of a #building or other structure# shall be located on the #wide street line# and extend along the entire #wide street# frontage of the #zoning lot#. For #corner lots# with #narrow street# frontage, the #street wall# of the #building# shall be located on and extend along the #narrow street line# within 50 feet of the #wide street#. Ground floor recesses up to three feet deep shall be permitted for access to building entrances. Above a height of 12 feet, up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed, provided no such recesses are within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#.

Within 100 feet of a #wide street#, the #street wall# of a #building or other structure# shall rise without setback to a minimum height of 50 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum height of 66 feet. A setback shall be provided for all portions of #buildings# that exceed a height of 66 feet. Such setbacks shall be provided at a height not

lower than 50 feet and not higher than 66 feet, and shall have a minimum depth of 10 feet, measured from any #street wall# facing a #wide street#, and a minimum depth of 15 feet, measured from any #street wall# facing a #narrow street#. No #building or other structure# shall exceed a height of 85 feet. Beyond 100 feet of a #wide street#, no #building or other structure# shall exceed a height of seven #stories# or 66 feet, whichever is less.

However, the City Planning Commission, by special permit, may modify the special height restrictions set forth in this Section for any #development# or #enlargement# on such #zoning lots#.

As a condition for such modification, the Commission shall find that the distribution of the #bulk# of the #development# or #enlargement# permits adequate access of light and air to surrounding #streets# and properties and that the maximum height of such #development# or #enlargement# does not exceed 99 feet beyond 100 feet of a #wide street#, and 115 feet within 100 feet of a #wide street#.

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

(7/26/01)

## **96-105**

### **Dwelling unit regulations**

#### (a) #Dwelling unit# distribution

For #developments#, #enlargements#, #extensions# or conversions of an existing #building# to a #residential use#, the density requirements of the underlying districts shall be inapplicable. In lieu thereof, the required #lot area per dwelling unit# of a #development#, #enlargement#, #extension# or conversion of an existing #building# to a #residential use# shall not be less than 168 square feet and the number of two-bedroom units on a #zoning lot# shall not be less than 20 percent.

In addition, the minimum density requirement and the 20 percent, two-bedroom unit requirement set forth in this Section shall apply to any alteration that creates

additional #dwelling units# or additional zero-bedroom units. Alterations that reduce the percentage of apartments that contain two bedrooms are not permitted unless the resulting #building# meets the 20 percent, two-bedroom requirement.

However, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Section, the minimum density requirement and the 20 percent, two-bedroom unit requirement shall not apply to alterations which add a code-complying bathroom, pursuant to Article 31 of the Housing Maintenance Code of the City of New York, to a #dwelling unit# which is publicly assisted (exclusive of any tax abatement or tax exemption program), and which is administered by a not-for-profit agent.

The City Planning Commission, by special permit, may modify the two-bedroom unit distribution requirement and the density requirement of this Section for a #non-profit residence for the elderly# or for a #residence# substantially for the elderly handicapped, under jurisdiction of a State or City agency, provided that the following findings are made:

- (1) that such #residences# are sponsored by a voluntary non-profit organization;
- (2) that the location and size of such facility does not create an undue concentration of #dwelling units# of this type and community facilities with sleeping accommodations within the immediate area;
- (3) that there are social service, health and related programs for the residents including a maintenance and security plan;
- (4) that on-site recreation areas for the use of the residents are provided; and
- (5) that the proposed #residences# will not overburden existing public services in the neighborhood.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions or safeguards to minimize the adverse effect of any #use# permitted under this Section on the #residential# character of the surrounding area.

- (b) Special provisions for owner-occupied #residential buildings#

For alterations of #residential buildings# which are owner-occupied and which contain four or fewer #dwelling units#, the #dwelling unit# distribution provisions of Section 96-105 (Dwelling unit regulations) shall not apply.

(11/21/74)

**96-106**

**Special regulations for existing storefronts**

Any vacant ground floor store in an underlying #Residence District# may change to a conforming #use# or to a #use# listed in Use Group 6 regardless of the 2-year discontinuance provisions of Section 52-61.

(12/21/05)

**96-107**

**Special regulations for community facility uses**

#Developments#, #enlargements# or #extensions# of #community facility uses# or conversions of an existing #building# to a #community facility use#, are permitted on #zoning lots# containing existing #buildings# with #residential uses# only pursuant to the provisions of this Section. The City Planning Commission, by special permit, may permit #developments#, #enlargements# or #extensions# of #community facility uses#, provided that the Commission makes the following findings:

- (a) that the existing #building# is not eligible for rehabilitation under any active publicly-aided program under which funds are available;
- (b) that, prior to evicting or otherwise terminating the occupancy of any tenant preparatory to demolition, the developer shall have notified the Department of Housing Preservation and Development of his or her intention to demolish the #building#; and
- (c) that the Department of Housing, Preservation and Development

has issued a #certification of no harassment# or that the owner has complied with Section 96-110, paragraph (d) (Certification of Cure for Harassment).

This special permit shall be in addition to any special permits required for nursing homes, health related-facilities and domiciliary care facilities for adults, pursuant to the provisions of Section 74-90.

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

(12/21/05)

#### **96-108**

#### **Demolition of buildings**

No demolition permit or alteration permit for partial demolition involving a decrease of more than 20 percent in the amount of #residential floor area# in a #building# shall be issued by the Department of Buildings for any #building# containing #dwelling units# within the Preservation Area, unless it is an unsafe #building# and demolition is required pursuant to the provisions of Title 26, Sub-chapter 3, Article 8 of the New York City Administrative Code.

However, the City Planning Commission, by a special permit, may allow demolition of #buildings# containing #dwelling units# or #rooming units# other than unsafe #buildings# within the Preservation Area, provided that the Commission makes the following findings:

- (a) that the existing #building#:
  - (1) is not eligible for rehabilitation under any active publicly-aided program under which funds are available; or
  - (2) is to be substantially preserved and requires an alteration permit to allow the removal and replacement of 20 percent or more of the #floor area#.
- (b) that prior to evicting or otherwise terminating the occupancy of any tenant preparatory to demolition, the owner

shall have notified the applicable governmental agency of its intention to demolish the #building#.

- (c) that the Department of Housing, Preservation and Development has issued a #certification of no harassment# or that the owner has complied with Section 96-110, paragraph (d), (Certification of Cure for Harassment); and
- (d) that an acceptable program for new #development# of the #zoning lot# is submitted to the Commission which indicates that to the extent permitted by the provisions of Section 96-10 (PRESERVATION AREA), the number of new #dwelling units# to be constructed is at least equal to the number of #dwelling units# to be demolished and that the #floor area# of the new #residential development# is at least equal to the #floor area# of the #dwelling units# to be demolished and that site development will commence within a period of twelve months from completion of relocation.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to insure that any interim #uses# proposed on the site prior to any construction is in conformance with the purposes of this Special District.

(12/21/05)

## **96-109**

### **Alterations of buildings**

Prior to the issuance of an alteration permit by the Department of Buildings for a #material alteration# of a #multiple dwelling# within the Preservation Area, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall certify to the Department of Buildings that:

- (a) prior to evicting or otherwise terminating the occupancy of any tenant preparatory to alteration, the owner shall have notified the Commissioner of his or her intention to alter the #building#; and
- (b) the Department of Housing Preservation and Development has issued a #certification of no harassment# or that the owner has complied with Section 96-110, paragraph (d), (Certification of Cure for Harassment).

However, a permit for alterations may be exempted from the provisions of this Section by written determination of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development that such alterations are to be performed solely for the purpose of either:

- (1) making the public areas of a #multiple dwelling# accessible to persons with disabilities without altering the configuration of any #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; or
- (2) making a #dwelling unit# or a #rooming unit# accessible to persons with disabilities.

For the purposes of this Section, #dwelling unit# and #rooming unit# shall be defined as in Section 96-110.

(7/29/09)

## **96-110**

### **Harassment and cure**

#### (a) Definitions

##### (1) Application date

"Application date" shall mean the date that the Department of Housing Preservation and Development accepts a completed application for a #certification of no harassment# for processing.

##### (2) Cure compliance lot

"Cure compliance lot" shall mean a #zoning lot# on which #low income housing# is provided pursuant to a #restrictive declaration# in accordance with the cure provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section. Each #cure compliance lot# shall be located entirely within the corresponding #cure requirement lot#.

##### (3) Cure requirement

"Cure requirement" shall mean #floor area# in an amount not less than the greater of:

- (i) 28 percent of the total #residential# and #hotel

floor area# of any #multiple dwelling# to be altered or demolished in which #harassment# has occurred; or

- (ii) 20 percent of the total #floor area# of any new or altered #building# on the #cure requirement lot#.

#Cure requirement# shall also mean any cure for harassment that was approved by the City Planning Commission or the Department of Housing Preservation and Development and was permitted by the provisions of this Section prior to December 21, 2005.

(4) Cure requirement lot

"Cure requirement lot" shall mean:

- (i) a #zoning lot# containing a #multiple dwelling# with respect to which the Department of Housing Preservation and Development has denied a #certification of no harassment#; or
- (ii) a #zoning lot# with respect to which an applicant, in lieu of seeking a #certification of no harassment# which would otherwise be required, elects to seek a certification of compliance with the cure provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section and enters into a #restrictive declaration#.

(5) Dwelling unit

"Dwelling unit" shall have the meaning set forth in the Multiple Dwelling Law.

(6) Exempt hotel

"Exempt hotel" shall mean any #multiple dwelling#:

- (i) which is a #transient hotel# and was a #transient hotel# on the #referral date#; and
- (ii) in which no #residential# occupant is, or was on the #referral date#, entitled to a renewal lease or otherwise entitled to continued occupancy pursuant to the Local Housing Emergency Rent

Control Act, as amended, the City Rent and Rehabilitation Law, as amended, the Rent Stabilization Law of 1969, as amended, or the Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974, as amended; and

(iii) which has been exempted from the provisions of this Section by written determination of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

(7) Exempt institutional residence

"Exempt institutional residence" shall mean any #multiple dwelling#:

(i) the occupancy of which is restricted to non-profit institutional use and was restricted to non-profit institutional use on the #referral date#; and

(ii) which has been exempted from the provisions of this Section by written determination of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

(8) Inquiry period

"Inquiry period" shall mean a period which:

(i) commences fifteen years prior to the #application date#; and

(ii) terminates upon the #application date#;

provided, however, that the Department of Housing Preservation and Development may:

(a) set such commencement date upon any date which is on or after the #referral date#, and is more than fifteen years prior to the #application date# where it determines that such extension of the duration of the inquiry period would further the purposes of this Section; and

(b) extend such termination date up to and including the date upon which the Department of Housing Preservation and Development determines to grant

or deny a #certification of no harassment#.

(9) Low income housing

"Low income housing" shall mean #dwelling units# or #rooming units# occupied or to be occupied by persons or families having an annual household income at the time of initial occupancy equal to or less than eighty percent of the median income for the primary metropolitan statistical area, as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or its successors from time to time for a family of four, as adjusted for family size.

(10) Referral date

"Referral date" shall mean September 5, 1973.

(11) Restrictive declaration

"Restrictive declaration" shall mean a legal instrument which:

- (i) provides that #low income housing# in an amount not less than the #cure requirement# shall be provided in a new or altered #multiple dwelling# on the #cure compliance lot#;
- (ii) provides that the #low income housing# must comply with the requirements of Section 23-90 for rental #affordable housing# provided without #public funding#, as amended by this Chapter, unless any such requirement is waived by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development. However, in the Preservation Area, paragraph (b) of Section 23-951 (On-site new construction option) shall be inapplicable and in its place and stead, paragraph (a) of Section 96-105 (Dwelling unit regulations) shall be applicable;
- (iii) contains such other terms as the Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall determine;
- (iv) has been approved by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development;

- (v) runs with the land and binds all parties in interest to the #cure requirement lot# and their successors;
- (vi) runs with the land and binds all parties in interest to the #cure compliance lot# and their successors; and
- (vii) is perpetual in duration.

(12) Rooming unit

#Rooming unit# shall have the meaning set forth in the Housing Maintenance Code.

(b) Permit Process

- (1) Unless the Department of Housing Preservation and Development has issued a #certification of no harassment# pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section or has certified compliance with the cure provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section, no permit may be issued by the Department of Buildings pursuant to Sections 96-109 or 96-24, and no special permit may be granted by the City Planning Commission pursuant to Sections 96-107 or 96-108.
- (2) The following structures shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section:
  - (i) any city-owned #multiple dwelling#;
  - (ii) any #multiple dwelling# which is the subject of a program approved by Department of Housing Preservation and Development for the provision of housing for persons of low or moderate income and has been exempted from the provisions of this Section by written determination of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development;
  - (iii) any #multiple dwelling# initially occupied for residential purposes after January 1, 1974, except for #buildings# which are or have been interim #multiple dwellings# pursuant to Article 7C of the Multiple Dwelling Law;

- (iv) any #exempt hotel#;
  - (v) any #multiple dwelling# in which occupancy is restricted to clubhouse or school dormitory use and occupancy was restricted to clubhouse or school dormitory use on the #referral date#; and
  - (vi) any #exempt institutional residence#.
- (3) Where the Department of Housing Preservation and Development has denied a #certification of no harassment# with respect to a #multiple dwelling#, the Department of Buildings shall not issue any permit with respect to any #multiple dwelling# or other #building# located on, or to be located on, the #cure requirement lot# except in accordance with paragraph (d) of this Section.

(c) Certification of No Harassment

- (1) The Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall determine and certify whether there has been #harassment# of the lawful occupants of a #multiple dwelling# during the #inquiry period#.
- (2) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that #harassment# occurring within the #inquiry period# was committed by or on behalf of the owner of such #multiple dwelling# and that such #harassment#:
  - (i) was committed with the intent to cause a person lawfully entitled to occupancy of a #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# in such #multiple dwelling# to vacate such unit or to surrender or waive a right in relation to such occupancy; and
  - (ii) materially advanced the demolition or alteration in furtherance of which the permit and #certification of no harassment# are sought.
- (3) The Department of Housing Preservation and Development may promulgate rules regarding the implementation of this Section. Such rules may include, but shall not be limited to, provisions which:
  - (i) establish the information to be required in an

application for #certification of no harassment#, the form of such application, and the manner of filing of such application;

- (ii) establish reasonable fees and charges to be collected from applicants for the administrative expenses incurred by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, including, but not limited to, costs for publication of any notices;
  - (iii) establish the duration for which a #certification of no harassment# will remain effective; and
  - (iv) authorize the rescission of a #certification of no harassment# if the Department of Housing Preservation and Development finds either that #harassment# has occurred after the #inquiry period# or that the application for such #certification of no harassment# contained a material misstatement of fact. Following such rescission, the Department of Buildings may revoke any permit for which such #certification of no harassment# was required.
- (4) The Department of Housing Preservation and Development may refuse to accept, or to act upon, an application for a #certification of no harassment# where the Department of Housing Preservation and Development finds that:
- (i) taxes, water and sewer charges, emergency repair program charges, or other municipal charges remain unpaid with respect to such #multiple dwelling#;
  - (ii) such #multiple dwelling# has been altered either without proper permits from the Department of Buildings or in a way that conflicts with the certificate of occupancy for such #multiple dwelling# (or, where there is no certificate of occupancy, any record of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development indicating the lawful configuration of such #multiple dwelling#) and such unlawful alteration remains

uncorrected; or

- (iii) the Department of Housing Preservation and Development has previously denied an application for a #certification of no harassment# pursuant to this Section.
- (5) If the Department of Housing Preservation and Development determines that an application for a #certification of no harassment# contains a material misstatement of fact, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development may reject such application and bar the submission of a new application with respect to such #multiple dwelling# for a period not to exceed three years.
- (6) Before determining whether there is reasonable cause to believe that #harassment# has occurred with respect to any #multiple dwelling#, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall publish a notice in such form and manner as shall be specified in the rules promulgated pursuant to paragraph (c)(3) of this Section. Such notice shall seek public comment regarding whether there has been #harassment# of the lawful occupants of such #multiple dwelling# from the #referral date# to the date of submission of comments. If the Department of Housing Preservation and Development receives comments containing material evidence that #harassment# occurred on or after the #referral date# and more than fifteen years prior to the #application date#, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall, in accordance with paragraph (a)(8) of this Section, set the commencement of the #inquiry period# on a date prior to the date of such alleged harassment.
- (7) The Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe that #harassment# has occurred during the #inquiry period#.
  - (i) If there is no reasonable cause to believe that #harassment# has occurred during the #inquiry period#, the Department of Housing Preservation

and Development shall issue a #certification of no harassment#.

(ii) If there is reasonable cause to believe that #harassment# has occurred during the #inquiry period#, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall cause a hearing to be held in such manner and upon such notice as shall be determined by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, unless the applicant waives the right to a hearing. Following receipt of the report and recommendation of the hearing officer, or receipt of a waiver of the right to such a hearing from the applicant, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall either grant or deny a #certification of no harassment#.

(8) The Department of Housing Preservation and Development may deny a #certification of no harassment# without a prior hearing if there has been a finding by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal or any court having jurisdiction that there has been harassment, unlawful eviction or arson at the #multiple dwelling# during the #inquiry period#.

(d) Certification of Cure for Harassment

(1) The Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall not certify compliance with the cure provisions of this paragraph to the Department of Buildings unless all parties in interest to the #cure requirement lot# and all parties in interest to the #cure compliance lot# have entered into a #restrictive declaration#.

(2) Any permit or certificate of occupancy issued by the Department of Buildings with respect to any structure located on a #cure requirement lot# or a #cure compliance lot# shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) The Department of Buildings shall not issue any permit, except a permit for an alteration which is not a #material alteration#, with respect to any

structure located on the #cure requirement lot# unless the #restrictive declaration# has been recorded in the Office of the City Register and indexed against each tax lot within the #cure requirement lot# and each tax lot within the #cure compliance lot#.

- (ii) The Department of Buildings shall not issue any temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy for any new or existing structure or portion thereof on the #cure requirement lot#, other than any #low income housing# located on the #cure requirement lot#, until:
  - (a) the Department of Housing Preservation and Development certifies that the #low income housing# required by the #restrictive declaration# has been completed in compliance with the #restrictive declaration#; and
  - (b) the Department of Buildings has issued a temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy for each unit of such #low income housing#.
- (iii) The Department of Buildings shall include the occupancy restrictions of the #restrictive declaration# in any temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy for any new or existing structure or portion thereof on the #cure compliance lot#. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the #restrictive declaration# shall constitute a violation, and a basis for revocation, of any certificate of occupancy containing such restriction.
- (iv) The Department of Buildings shall include the occupancy restrictions of the #restrictive declaration# in any temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy for any new or existing structure or portion thereof on the #cure requirement lot#, except where the management and operation of the #cure compliance lot# is wholly controlled by, and the #restrictive declaration#

requires that management and operation of the #cure compliance lot# remain wholly controlled by, an independent not-for-profit administering agent that is not affiliated with the owner of the #cure requirement lot#. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the #restrictive declaration# shall constitute a violation, and a basis for revocation, of any certificate of occupancy containing such restriction.

(3) No portion of the #low income housing# required under this Section shall qualify to:

(i) increase the #floor area ratio# pursuant to Section 96-21 (Special Regulations for 42nd Street Perimeter Area); Section 96-22 (Special Regulations for Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area); any #floor area ratio# increase provision of the #Special Garment Center District#, #Special Hudson Yards District#, #Special West Chelsea District#; or Section 23-90; or

(ii) satisfy an eligibility requirement of any real property tax abatement or exemption program with respect to any #multiple dwelling# that does not contain such #low income housing#.

(10/25/95)

### **96-111**

#### **Off-street parking regulations**

#Accessory# off-street parking spaces, #public parking lots# or #public parking garages# are not permitted within the Preservation Area except by special permit as set forth in Sections 13-561 (Accessory off-street parking spaces) and 13-562 (Public parking garages and public parking lots).

In addition, the Commission shall find that:

(a) the property has been or will be vacated pursuant to the

provisions of Section 96-108; and

- (b) the applicant has followed the relocation procedures set forth in Section 96-23.

(9/4/08)

**96-20**

**PERIMETER AREA**

#Developments# within the Perimeter Area shall be eligible for increased #floor area# only pursuant to Sections 96-21 (Special Regulations for 42nd Street Perimeter Area) or 96-22 (Special Regulations for Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area). Because of increased pressures for #development#, the relocation and demolition provisions of Section 96-24 (Relocation and Demolition of Buildings in the Perimeter Area) shall apply therein for all demolition, #development#, #enlargement# or #extensions# on lots containing #residential uses#. All existing legal #uses# in enclosed #buildings# shall be considered conforming #uses#. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, any existing #commercial# or #manufacturing uses# may be changed to another #non-conforming use# only in accordance with the provisions of Sections 52-31 (General Provisions), 52-33 (Manufacturing or Related Uses in Residence Districts), 52-34 (Commercial Uses in Residence Districts), 52-35 (Manufacturing or Related Uses in Commercial Districts) and 52-36 (Non-Conforming Commercial Uses in Commercial Districts).

(1/28/09)

**96-21**

**Special Regulations for 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Perimeter Area**

The provisions of this Section shall apply to #developments# or #enlargements# located in all #Commercial Districts# within the area bounded by the following:

Starting 150 feet west of Eighth Avenue, south to the southern boundary of West 41st Street, west to the east side

of Twelfth Avenue, north along the eastern border of Twelfth Avenue to 43rd Street, east on West 43rd Street to the eastern side of Tenth Avenue, south along Tenth Avenue to the southern boundary of West 42nd Street, east on West 42nd Street to Ninth Avenue, north along the western boundary of Ninth Avenue to the midblock of 42nd/43rd Street, east to a point 150 feet west of Eighth Avenue, south to the southerly boundary of 41st Street.

(a) Special regulations for office use

In the 42nd Street Perimeter Area, as shown in Appendix A of this Chapter, any #development# or #enlargement# that includes Use Group 6B offices constructed after January 19, 2005, shall be permitted only pursuant to Section 93-13 (Special Office Use Regulations)

(b) Floor area regulations

(1) Floor area regulations in Subarea 1

In Subarea 1 of the 42nd Street Perimeter Area as shown in Appendix A, the basic #floor area ratio# of any #development# or #enlargement# shall be 10.0, and may be increased to a maximum of 12.0 only in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-90 (INCLUSIONARY HOUSING), except that any units for which a #floor area# increase has been earned pursuant to Section 23-90 shall be within the #Special Clinton District#.

(2) Floor area regulations in Subarea 2

In Subarea 2 of the 42nd Street Perimeter Area, as shown in Appendix A, the basic #floor area ratio# of any #development# or #enlargement# shall be 10.0. However, the #floor area ratio# of any #development# or #enlargement# containing #residential use# may exceed 10.0 to a maximum of 12.0 only in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-90, except that any units for which a #floor area# increase has been earned pursuant to Section 23-90 shall be within the #Special Clinton District#. For #developments# or #enlargements# that have fully utilized the Inclusionary Housing Program, the maximum permitted #floor area ratio# may be

increased from 12.0 to 15.0 for new legitimate theater use in accordance with the provisions of Section 96-25 (Floor Area Bonus for New Theater Use).

Where a transit easement volume is required on a #zoning lot# in Subarea 2, such easement volume may be temporarily used by the owner of the #zoning lot# for any permitted #uses# until such time as required by the Transit Authority or by its designee for subway purposes. Any such floor spaces occupied by such transit easement volume shall not count as #floor area#. Improvements or construction of a temporary nature within the easement volume for such temporary #uses# shall be removed by the owner of the #zoning lot# prior to the time at which public #use# of the easement area is required. A minimum notice of six months in writing shall be given by the Transit Authority to the owner of the #zoning lot# to vacate the tenants of such temporary #uses#.

(c) Retail continuity requirements

- (1) For any #development# or #enlargement# fronting on West 42nd Street, between 9th and 12th Avenues, at least 50 percent of the street frontage of the ground floor, or within five feet of #curb level#, shall be limited to Use Groups 4A, 6A, 6C, 10A, 11, 12A and 12B.
- (2) At least 50 percent of the length of the facade of such #street wall# fronting on West 42nd Street shall be glazed with transparent material to a height of not less than 16 feet above #curb level#. The lowest point of such glazed area shall not be higher than four feet above #curb level#.

(d) Street wall continuity requirements

- (1) At least 80 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# of a #building# fronting on West 42nd Street, up to a height of 45 feet, shall be located within 10 feet of the #street line# of such #street#.
- (2) The minimum height of the #street wall# of a #building# above #curb level# shall be no less than 45 feet and no

more than 85 feet. Above this required height, the #street wall# of a #building# shall set back at least five feet. The requirements of this paragraph shall also apply to any #development# or #enlargement# on a #wide street# frontage within a distance of 50 feet from its intersection with West 42nd Street.

(e) Pedestrian circulation space

Within Subarea 2 of the 42nd Street Perimeter Area, as shown in Appendix A, pedestrian circulation space shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-50. In addition, for #developments# or #enlargements# that provide subway entranceways constructed after December 21, 2005, one and one-half times the area of such entranceway accessible to the public at #street# level may qualify as pedestrian circulation space, up to a maximum amount of 3,000 square feet.

(f) Special curb cut and parking requirements

No curb cuts shall be permitted on 42nd Street. The parking requirements of the #Special Hudson Yards District# shall apply within the 42nd Street Perimeter Area, as set forth in Section 93-80 (OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS), except that such parking requirements shall not apply to any #development# or #enlargement# for which a special permit was granted prior to January 19, 2005.

Any #development# or #enlargement# for which a building permit has been lawfully issued prior to December 31, 2004 shall comply with either the parking regulations in effect at the time the permit was issued, or the requirements of this paragraph, (f).

(1/19/05)

**96-22**

**Special Regulations for Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area**

For #developments# or #enlargements# located in an area bounded by a line 150 feet west of Eighth Avenue, West 56th Street, Eighth

Avenue and West 45th Street, excluding such area between West 49th and West 50th Streets, the #floor area ratio# permitted by the underlying district may be increased from 10.0 to 12.0 only pursuant to Section 23-90 (INCLUSIONARY HOUSING), except that any units for which a #floor area# increase has been earned pursuant to Section 23-90 shall be within the #Special Clinton District#.

All #developments# or #enlargements# located in an area bounded by a line 150 feet west of Eighth Avenue, West 45th Street, Eighth Avenue and West 42nd Street shall comply with special regulations set forth in Article VIII, Chapter 1 (Special Midtown District), including Sections 81-21 (Floor Area Regulations) and 81-70 (SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THEATER SUBDISTRICT). For #developments# or #enlargements# that utilize a #floor area# increase pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Program of Section 23-90, any units for which a #floor area# increase has been earned shall be within the #Special Clinton District#.

(1/19/05)

#### **96-23**

#### **Special Permit for Modification of Height and Setback Regulations**

Except within the Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area set forth in Section 96-22 (Special Regulations for Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area), the City Planning Commission, by special permit, may permit modification of height and setback regulations for #developments# which have generated an increase in the #floor area ratio# of not more than 2.0 under the provisions of Section 96-21 (Special Regulations for 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Perimeter Area), provided that such modification is necessary to achieve better site planning.

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

(12/21/05)

#### **96-24**

#### **Relocation and Demolition of Buildings in the Perimeter Area**

Prior to the issuance by the Department of Buildings of a demolition permit or a permit for any #development#, #enlargement# or #extension# on any #zoning lot# containing #residential uses# within the Perimeter Area, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development shall certify to the Department of Buildings:

- (a) that prior to evicting or otherwise terminating the occupancy of any tenant in connection with vacating any #building#, the developer shall have notified the Department of Housing Preservation and Development of plans for the relocation of tenants which shall:
  - (1) to the extent possible provide for the relocation of tenants within the Clinton District; and
  - (2) provide for the satisfaction of all the requirements for the issuance of a certificate of eviction under applicable rent control and rent stabilization regulations of the State of New York; and
- (b) that the developer has complied with the relocation plan submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section and that the Department of Housing Preservation and Development has issued a #certification of no harassment#, or that the owner has complied with Section 96-110, paragraph (d), (Certification of Cure for Harassment).

(1/28/09)

## **96-25**

### **Floor Area Bonus for New Theater Use**

Within Subarea 2 of the 42nd Street Perimeter Area as shown in Appendix A of this Chapter, for #developments# or #enlargements# located within the area bounded by West 42nd Street, Dyer Avenue, West 41st Street and Eleventh Avenue that have fully utilized a #floor area# increase pursuant to Section 23-90 (INCLUSIONARY HOUSING), the #floor area ratio# may be increased from 12.0 to a maximum of 15.0, provided that for every three square feet of bonused #floor area#, one square foot of such bonused #floor area# shall be used for new "performance space," which, for the purposes

of this Section, shall mean space to be used as a legitimate theater or for non-profit performing arts use. Such bonused #floor area# shall be permitted only upon certification by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission to the Commissioner of Buildings, after referral for review and receipt of recommendations from the applicable Community Board, that the following conditions have been met:

- (a) all #floor area# for any performance space for which a bonus is received pursuant to this Section, shall be limited to floor space exclusively associated with legitimate theater or non-profit performing arts #use#, including auditorium, orchestra, balconies, stage and theater equipment space, wings, dressing rooms, rehearsal space, lobbies, ticket offices, restrooms, and circulation space. Any other use of the bonused performance space shall not comprise more than 25 percent of the total #floor area# of such performance space;
- (b) such performance space shall be designed, arranged and used for live performances and rehearsals of drama, music or dance and shall have at least 100 and no more than 299 seats. If there is more than one performance space, each shall have at least 100 seats, and adjacent performance spaces may be designed in a manner that allows for their combination into a single performance space provided such combined space has no more than 299 seats. Performance space for which a bonus is received pursuant to this Section, shall only be used for non-profit performing arts use provided the #development# or #enlargement# contains at least two performance spaces used exclusively for performances of legitimate theater;
- (c) a letter from the Department of Cultural Affairs shall be submitted, certifying that:
  - (1) a signed lease has been provided from the prospective operator of the performance space, or a written commitment from the owner of the performance space if such owner is also the operator, for occupancy of the performance space and its operation as a legitimate theater or non-profit performing arts space for a period of not less than five years, pursuant to an operating plan and program therefor;

- (2) the proposed operator of the performance space has the fiscal and managerial capacity to successfully operate such space;
  - (3) preliminary design plans have been provided to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the performance space, which include sufficient detail regarding core, shell, structural, and mechanical systems, as necessary to ensure that such performance space will operate efficiently for its intended use;
  - (4) a written commitment has been provided ensuring that there are financial resources available for the timely completion of the identified scope of work; and
  - (5) the proposed operator of the performance space will have a program of regularly scheduled presentations that are open to the public.
- (d) a legal commitment has been provided for inspection and ongoing maintenance of the performance space to ensure its continued availability for #use# as a legitimate theater or non-profit performing arts space. Such inspection shall be conducted every five years by a licensed engineer or architect, and a report issued to the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission, the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs and the applicable Community Board. Such report shall describe the condition of the performance space and identify any maintenance or repair work necessary to ensure the physical and operational soundness of the performance space and establish a plan and program for such work, including providing that adequate resources be made available to ensure timely completion of such maintenance or repair work; and
- (e) a legal commitment has been provided for continuance of the #use# of all #floor area# in the bonused performance space as legitimate theater or non-profit performing arts space and providing that in the event of a change of operator, as defined by the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs, the owner or operator shall obtain a new letter certifying that the provisions of paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(3) of this Section have been met as to the proposed

operator and, where substantial renovation of the performance space, as defined by the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs, is being proposed in conjunction with the change of operator, that the provisions of paragraphs (c) (3) and (c) (4) of this Section have been met as to such substantial renovation. Any application or submission with respect to a change in operator made pursuant to the provisions of such legal commitment, shall be referred to the affected Community Board. The Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs shall not issue a letter with respect to such application prior to forty-five days after such referral. Such legal commitment shall also prohibit #use# as an #adult establishment# for the life of the related #development#.

Such legal commitments shall be in the form of a declaration of restrictions, filed and duly recorded in the Borough Office of the Register of the City of New York, binding upon the owner and any lessee of the performance space and their successors and assigns, a certified copy of which shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission. The filing of such declaration and the posting of any bond or other security required by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission under the terms of such declaration, and receipt of a certified copy of such declaration, shall be preconditions to issuance of any building permit, including any foundation or alteration permit, for any #development# or #enlargement#.

The owner shall not apply for or accept a temporary certificate of occupancy for that portion of the #development# or #enlargement# identified under the terms of the declaration of restrictions as utilizing the increased #floor area# permitted pursuant to this Section, and the Department of Buildings shall not issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for such portion of the #development# or #enlargement#, until the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs has certified that the performance space is substantially complete, which shall, for this purpose, mean that such performance space is usable by the public.

The owner shall not apply for or accept a permanent certificate of occupancy for the #development# or #enlargement#, nor shall the Department of Buildings issue a permanent certificate of occupancy for the #development# or #enlargement#, until the performance space has been finally completed in accordance with the approved

plans and such final completion has been certified by the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs. The declaration of restrictions shall be noted on any temporary or final certificate of occupancy for the #building#.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission may accept a declaration of restrictions or in the case of a certification issued by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission prior to January 28, 2009, a modified declaration of restrictions, which shall allow the owner to apply for and accept, and the Department of Buildings to issue, temporary and permanent certificates of occupancy for the portion of the #development# or #enlargement# which utilizes the increased #floor area# permitted pursuant to this Section prior to substantial or final completion of the performance space, as the case may be, provided that, under the terms of such declaration of restrictions or modified declaration of restrictions, the owner shall not apply for or accept temporary certificates of occupancy for any such portion of the #development# or #enlargement# unless and until the Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs has certified that the core and shell of the performance space has been completed in accordance with a core and shell agreement accepted by the Commissioner, and that ownership of the performance space has been transferred to the prospective operator.

In the event of a transfer of ownership of the performance space, certification pursuant to paragraph (c)(1) of this Section, shall not require the provision of the signed lease or written commitment described therein, and the operating plan and program for the performance space shall be provided by the prospective owner.

Any application for certification of a #floor area# bonus for theater #use#, pursuant to this Section, shall be referred to the affected Community Board, the local Council Member and the Borough President of Manhattan. The Chairperson of the City Planning Commission shall not grant any such certification prior to forty-five days after such referral.

(8/17/90)

**96-30**

**OTHER AREAS**

In Area C, the regulations of the underlying districts shall apply, except as otherwise set forth in this Chapter.

(4/16/08)

**96-31**

**Special Regulations in R8 Districts**

In R8 Districts in Other Areas west of Tenth Avenue, the following special regulations shall apply:

- (a) the provisions of Sections 96-101 (Floor area regulations) and 96-104 (Height regulations) shall apply to all #developments# and #enlargements#; and
- (b) the provisions of Section 96-102 (Lot coverage regulations) shall apply to all #developments# and #enlargements#, except that for all portions of a #zoning lot# located in an Other Area and more than 100 feet from the #street line# of a #wide street#, the maximum #lot coverage# shall not exceed 70 percent of the portion of the #zoning lot# in the Other Area.

(2/2/05)

**96-40**

**MODIFICATION OF GENERAL LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT PROVISIONS**

For parcels within the #blocks# bounded by West 50th Street, Tenth Avenue, West 56th Street and Eleventh Avenue known as the Clinton Community Urban Renewal Development Area, within a #general large-scale development# that occupies #zoning lots# on more than one #block#, the City Planning Commission may permit the modification of #open space# required pursuant to Section 23-14 (Minimum Required Open Space, Open Space Ratio, Maximum Lot Coverage and Maximum Floor Area Ratio) as part of a special permit, pursuant to Section 74-743 (Special provisions for bulk modifications),

provided the Commission finds that:

- (a) the amount of #open space# provided is sufficient to meet the needs of the residents of the #general large-scale development#; and
- (b) such modification results in improved site planning.

(8/6/98)

**96-50**  
**REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL AREAS**

The provision of Sections 96-51 (Mandatory Tree Planting Provisions) and 96-52 (Bulk Modifications for Public Parking Garages) shall apply to all areas within the Special District.

(4/30/08)

**96-51**  
**Mandatory Tree Planting Provisions**

In addition to the applicable underlying #street# tree planting requirements, tree planting provisions shall also apply to #extensions# or alterations, other than #incidental alterations#, involving 30 percent or more of the existing #floor area# of a #building#. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 43-02 (Street Tree Planting in Manufacturing Districts), all #developments# or #enlargements# within the #Special Clinton District# that include #uses# listed in Use Group 17 or 18 shall provide #street# trees in accordance with Section 26-41 (Street Tree Planting).

(1/19/05)

**96-52**  
**Bulk Modifications for Public Parking Garages**

Except within the Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area set forth in Section 96-22 (Special Regulations for Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area), in all other C6 Districts, the City Planning Commission, by special permit, may permit, for #public parking garages#, modification of the applicable #lot coverage#, #yard# and height and setback regulations. As a condition of permitting such modifications, the Commission shall make the following findings:

- (a) that, because of site limitations, such modifications are necessary for the proper design and operation of the #public parking garage#; and
- (b) that, such modifications will not unduly obstruct access to light and air in the #street# or on adjacent #zoning lots#.

The Commission shall consider the characteristics of surrounding development and may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of adjacent areas.

(7/26/01)

### **96-53**

#### **Conversions to Residential Use**

For conversions to #residential use# of #buildings# predominantly occupied by #uses# listed in Use Groups 3, 4 or 5 that exceed the #residential floor area# permitted by the applicable district regulations, the City Planning Commission, by special permit, may permit such #building# to be converted to #residential use# in its entirety, provided that the #building# includes social or recreational space primarily for the use of #residential# tenants which may also be made available to the community.

There shall be at least 30 square feet of social or recreational space for each #dwelling unit# or a total area of at least 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater. Such space may be located outdoors at grade level or at any floor level including roof areas. The maximum number of #dwelling units# shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 15-111 (Number of permitted dwelling units). The Commission may prescribe conditions and safeguards to minimize possible adverse effects on adjoining

properties.

As a condition of approval, the Commission shall find:

- (a) that because of site and building limitations such modifications are necessary for the proper design and functioning of the converted #building#;
- (b) that such modifications will result in adequate access of light and air to the newly created #dwelling units# and to surrounding development;
- (c) that the social or recreational space contains adequate facilities to serve the needs of the residents and wherever possible the surrounding community;
- (d) that there is suitable separation between #dwelling units# and floor space occupied by non-#residential# or #accessory uses#; and
- (e) that such conversion will not unduly increase the density of population or intensity of #use# to the detriment of the occupants of #buildings# in the #block# or nearby #blocks#.

The Commission may prescribe conditions and safeguards to minimize possible adverse effects on adjoining properties and may require a program for operation and maintenance of recreational spaces.

(11/21/74)

**96-60**  
**SPECIAL PERMIT PROCEDURE**

(8/6/98)

**96-601**  
**Requirements for applications**

An application to the City Planning Commission for the grant of a special permit under the provisions of this Chapter, shall include

a site plan showing the location and proposed #use# of all #buildings or other structures# on the site, the location of all vehicular entrances and exits and off-street parking spaces, and such other information as may be required by the City Planning Commission.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the Eighth Avenue Perimeter Area, all applications made pursuant to the Special Midtown District shall be subject to the guidelines and provisions of Article VIII, Chapter 1 (Special Midtown District), instead.

All applications relating to Section 96-111 (Off-street parking regulations) shall be referred by the Commission to the Department of Transportation for its report with respect to the anticipated traffic congestion resulting from such special permit #use# in the proposed location.

If such agency shall report thereon within one month from the date of referral, the Commission shall, in its determination, give due consideration to such report and, further, shall have the power to substantiate the appropriate findings solely on the basis of the report by such agency with respect to the issues referred. If such agency does not report within one month, the Commission may make a final determination without reference thereto.

(11/21/74)

## **96-602**

### **Relationship to public improvement projects**

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

(11/21/74)

**96-70**

**SPECIAL PERMITS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED**

Whenever, under the provisions of the Special Clinton Interim District or any prior zoning regulation, the City Planning Commission has authorized any special permit, the status of such special permit shall not be altered by the provisions of this Chapter.

(5/20/09)

**96-80**

**EXCLUDED AREAS**

Except as provided in this Section, the regulations set forth in this Chapter shall not apply to the following areas:

- (a) parcels within the blocks bounded by West 50th Street, Tenth Avenue, West 56th Street and Eleventh Avenue known as the Clinton Community Urban Renewal Development Area, provided that in this area the provisions of Sections 96-40 (MODIFICATION OF GENERAL LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT PROVISIONS), 96-51 (Mandatory Tree Planting Provisions) and 96-81 (C6-3X Designated District) shall apply.

In addition, for parcels in C6-3X Districts, bounded by West 53rd Street, Tenth Avenue, West 54th Street and Eleventh Avenue, the following shall be permitted #uses# below the level of any floor occupied by #dwelling units#:

- (1) automobile showrooms with automobile sales and preparation of automobiles for delivery;
- (2) automobile repairs; and
- (3) New York City Police Department stables for horses, with #accessory# automobile parking.

Should the floor to ceiling height of such Police Department stable, as measured from the #base plane#, exceed 23 feet,

then any floor space occupied by #accessory# parking located on the floor immediately above the floor occupied by such Police Department stable and immediately below the level of any floor occupied by #dwelling units# shall be exempted from the definition of #floor area#.

- (b) the block bounded by West 49th Street, Eighth Avenue, West 50th Street and Ninth Avenue which was the site of the former Madison Square Garden;
- (c) the site of the proposed Educational Construction Fund project which will include P.S. 51 located on property bounded by West 45th Street, the easterly right-of-way of the Penn Central Railroad, West 44th Street and Eleventh Avenue;
- (d) the block bounded by West 42nd Street, Ninth Avenue, West 43rd Street and Tenth Avenue;
- (e) property bounded by West 56th Street, Ninth Avenue, West 57th Street and a line 200 feet west of Eighth Avenue.

(7/29/09)

**96-81**

**C6-3X Designated District**

- (a) Inclusionary Housing Program

Where the designated district is C6-3X within the Excluded Area, such district shall be an #Inclusionary Housing designated area# pursuant to Section 12-10 (Definitions) for the purpose of making the Inclusionary Housing Program regulations of Section 23-90, inclusive, applicable as modified within the Special District.

- (b) Maximum #floor area ratio#

Within such #Inclusionary Housing designated area#, the maximum #floor area ratio# for any #zoning lot# containing a #residential use# shall not exceed the base #floor area ratio# of 6.75, except that such base #floor area ratio# may

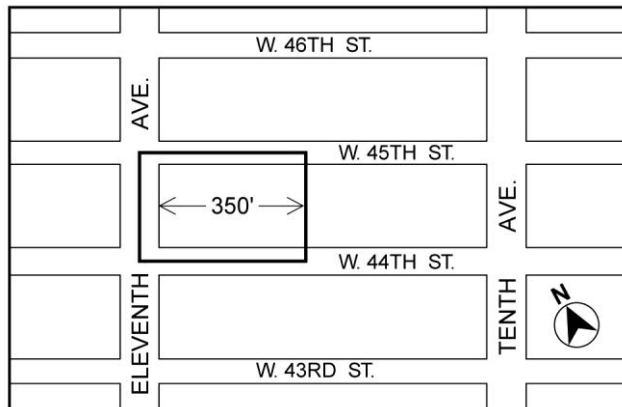
be increased to the maximum #floor area ratio# of 9.0, through the provision of #affordable housing#, pursuant to the provisions relating to #Inclusionary Housing designated areas# in Section 23-90.

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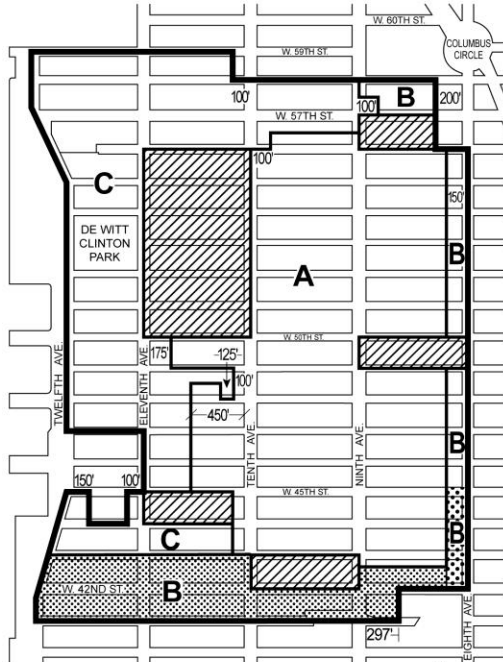
**R10 Inclusionary Housing Designated Area**

The R10 District in the area shown on the map in this Section shall be an #Inclusionary Housing designated area# pursuant to Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS) for the purpose of making the Inclusionary Housing Program regulations of Section 23-90, inclusive, applicable as modified within the Special District. The provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 23-954 (Additional requirements for compensated developments) shall not apply.



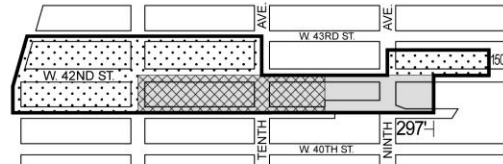
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# Appendix A SPECIAL CLINTON DISTRICT MAP



- Special Clinton District Boundary
- Area Boundary
- A** Preservation Area
- B** Perimeter Area
  - Portion of Perimeter Area B also subject to additional 42nd Street Perimeter Area regulations. (See map below)
  - Portion of Perimeter Area B also subject to Article VIII, Chapter 1 (Special Midtown District)
- C** Other Area
- Excluded Area

### 42nd Street Perimeter Area



- Subarea 1 of 42nd St. Perimeter Area
- Subarea 2 of 42nd St. Perimeter Area
  - Portion of Subarea 2 of 42nd St. Perimeter Area where Theater Bonus applies