



# Seward Park Text Amendment

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Matter in underline is new, to be added;

Matter in ~~strikeout~~ is old, to be deleted;

Matter within # # is defined in Section 12-10;

\* \* \* indicates where unchanged text remains in the Zoning Resolution

## Article VII

### Chapter 4

#### Special Permits by the City Planning Commission

#### 74-74

#### Large-Scale General Development

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#### 74-743

#### Special provisions for bulk modification

- (a) For a #large-scale general development#, the City Planning Commission may permit:
- (1) distribution of total allowable #floor area#, #rooming units#, #dwelling units#, #lot coverage# and total required #open space# under the applicable district regulations within a #large-scale general development# without regard for #zoning lot lines# or district boundaries, subject to the following limitations:
    - (i) no distribution of #bulk# across the boundary of two districts shall be permitted for a #use# utilizing such #bulk# unless such #use# is permitted in both districts;
    - (ii) when a #large-scale general development# is located partially in a #Residence District# or in a C1, C2, C3 or C4-1 District and partially in other #Commercial# or #Manufacturing Districts#, no transfer of commercial #floor area# to a #Residence District# or to a C1, C2, C3 or C4-1 District from other districts shall be permitted; except that for a #large-scale general development# located partially or wholly within the former Seward Park Extension Urban Renewal Area, a transfer of commercial #floor area# from a C6 District to a C2 District may be permitted;

- (2) location of #buildings# without regard for the applicable #yard#, #court#, distance between #buildings#, or height and setback regulations;

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- (10) for a #large-scale general development# located partially or wholly within the former Seward Park Extension Urban Renewal Area, waiver of the planting requirements of Section 23-892 (In R6 through R10 Districts), provided the area between the #street line# and the #street walls# of the #building# and their prolongations is to be improved as a publicly accessible widened sidewalk.

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- (b) In order to grant a special permit pursuant to this Section for any #large-scale general development#, the Commission shall find that:

- (1) the distribution of #floor area#, #open space#, #dwelling units#, #rooming units# and the location of #buildings#, primary business entrances and #show windows# will result in a better site plan and a better relationship among #buildings# and open areas to adjacent #streets#, surrounding development, adjacent open areas and shore lines than would be possible without such distribution and will thus benefit both the occupants of the #large-scale general development#, the neighborhood and the City as a whole;
- (2) the distribution of #floor area# and location of #buildings# will not unduly increase the #bulk# of #buildings# in any one #block# or unduly obstruct access of light and air to the detriment of the occupants or users of #buildings# in the #block# or nearby #blocks# or of people using the public #streets#;

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- (4) considering the size of the proposed #large-scale general development#, the #streets# providing access to such #large-scale general development# will be adequate to handle traffic resulting therefrom;
- (5) when the Commission has determined that the #large-scale general development# requires significant addition to existing public facilities serving the area, the applicant has submitted to the Commission a plan and timetable to provide such required additional facilities. Proposed facilities that are incorporated into the City's capital budget may be included as part of such plan and timetable;

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The Commission may prescribe additional conditions and safeguards to improve the quality of the #large-scale general development# and to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

For a phased construction program of a multi-#building# complex, the Commission may, at the time of granting a special permit, require additional information, including but not limited to a proposed time schedule for carrying out the proposed #large-scale general development#, a phasing plan showing the distribution of #bulk# and #open space# and, in the case of a site plan providing for common #open space#, common open areas or common parking areas, a maintenance plan for such space or areas and surety for continued availability of such space or areas to the people they are intended to serve.

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#### 74-744

#### Modification of use regulations

(a) #Use# modifications

(1) Waterfront and related #commercial uses#

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(2) Automotive sales and service #uses#

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(3) Retail Establishments

For a #large-scale general development# located partially or wholly within the former Seward Park Extension Urban Renewal Area, the City Planning Commission may modify applicable district regulations to allow Use Groups 10, 11A and 12A except for arenas or auditoriums, skating rinks, public auction rooms, trade expositions and stadiums, provided the Commission finds that:

(i) such #uses# will not impair the character of future #uses# or development of the surrounding area; and

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

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(b) Location of #commercial uses#

For any #large-scale general development#, the City Planning Commission may permit #residential# and non-#residential uses# to be arranged within a #building# without regard for the regulations set forth in Section 32-42 (Location within Buildings), provided the Commission shall find:

- (1) the #commercial uses# are located in a portion of the #mixed building# that has separate access to the outside with no opening of any kind to the #residential# portion of the #building# at any #story#;
  - (2) the #commercial uses# are not located directly over any #story# containing #dwelling units#; and
  - (3) the modifications shall not have any adverse effect on the #uses# located within the #building#.
- (c) Modifications of #sign# regulations
- (1) In all #Commercial# or #Manufacturing Districts#, the City Planning Commission may, for #developments# or #enlargements# subject to the provisions of paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2) or (a)(3) of Section 74-743 (Special provisions for bulk modification), permit the modification of the applicable provisions of Sections 32-64 (Surface Area and Illumination Provisions), 32-65 (Permitted Projection or Height of Signs), 32-66 (Additional Regulations for Signs Near Certain Parks and Designated Arterial Highways), 42-53 (Surface Area and Illumination Provisions), 42-54 (Permitted Projection or Height of Signs), 42-55 (Additional Regulations for Signs Near Certain Parks and Designated Arterial Highways) and the limitations on the location of #signs# in Sections 32-51 and 42-44 (Limitations on Business Entrances, Show Windows or Signs), provided the Commission finds that such modification will result in a better site plan.
  - (2) For a #large-scale general development# located partially or wholly within the former Seward Park Extension Urban Renewal Area, the City Planning Commission, by authorization, may make the #sign# regulations of a C6-1 District applicable to those portions of such #large-scale general development# within a C2 District, and in addition, may modify the provisions of Section 32-68 (Permitted Signs on Residential or Mixed Buildings) to allow #signs accessory# to non-#residential uses# above the level of the finished floor of the third #story#, provided such #signs# do not exceed a height of 40 feet above #curb level#. In order to grant such authorizations, the Commission shall find that such modifications are consistent with the amount, type and location of #commercial uses# that the Commission finds appropriate within such #large-scale general development#.

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

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