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(10/23/08)

**Article XII - Special Purpose Districts**

**Chapter 8**

**Special St. George District**

(10/23/08)

**128-00**

**GENERAL PURPOSES**

The "Special St. George District" established in this Resolution is designed to promote and protect public health, safety and general welfare. These general goals include among others, the following specific purposes:

- (a) build upon St. George's existing strengths as a civic center, neighborhood and transit hub by providing rules that will bolster a thriving, pedestrian-friendly business and residence district;
- (b) establish zoning regulations that facilitate continuous ground floor retail and the critical mass needed to attract and sustain a broader mix of uses;
- (c) require a tall, slender building form that capitalizes on St. George's hillside topography and maintains waterfront vistas;
- (d) encourage the reuse and reinvestment of vacant office buildings;
- (e) accommodate an appropriate level of off-street parking while reducing its visual impact; and
- (f) promote the most desirable use of land and building development in accordance with the District Plan for St. George and thus conserve the value of land and buildings and thereby protect the City's tax revenues.

(10/23/08)

**128-01**

**Definitions**

Definitions specifically applicable to this Chapter are set forth in this Section and may modify definitions set forth in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS). Where matter in italics is defined both in Section 12-10 and in this Chapter, the definitions in this Chapter shall govern.

#### Commercial Street

A "commercial street" shall be a #street#, or portion thereof, where special regulations pertaining to ground floor #uses# on #commercial streets#, pursuant to Section 128-11, apply to #zoning lots# fronting upon such #streets#. #Commercial streets# are designated on Map 2 in the Appendix to this Chapter.

(10/30/13)

### **128-02**

#### **General Provisions**

In harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Resolution and the general purposes of the #Special St. George District#, the regulations of this Chapter shall apply within the #Special St. George District#. The regulations of all other Chapters of this Resolution are applicable, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by the provisions of this Chapter. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and other regulations of this Resolution, the provisions of this Chapter shall control. However, in #flood zones#, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4 (Special Regulations Applying in Flood Hazard Areas), the provisions of Article VI, Chapter 4, shall control.

However, the regulations of this Chapter shall not apply to any property that is the subject of a site selection for a court house and #public parking garage# pursuant to application C080379 PSR. Such property shall be governed by the underlying regulations of this Resolution.

Furthermore, any property that is the subject of a site selection and acquisition for the use of a lot for open parking pursuant to application C080378 PCR may be governed by the regulations of this Chapter or the underlying regulations of this Resolution for a period of two years after October 23, 2008. After October 23, 2010, such property shall be subject to the regulations of this Chapter.

In the North Waterfront Subdistrict, "publicly accessible waterfront open space" shall include on-site and off-site areas, as applicable, as set forth in the approved Proposed Plans, pursuant to Section

128-61 (Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites).

(10/30/13)

### **128-03**

#### **District Plan and Maps**

The regulations of this Chapter are designed to implement the #Special St. George District# Plan.

The District Plan includes the following five maps:

Map 1 Special St. George District and Subdistricts

Map 2 Commercial Streets

Map 3 Minimum and Maximum Base Heights

Map 4 Tower Restriction Areas

Map 5 Visual Corridors and Parcels

The maps are located in the Appendix to this Chapter and are hereby incorporated and made a part of this Resolution. They are incorporated for the purpose of specifying locations where special regulations and requirements set forth in this Chapter apply.

(10/30/13)

### **128-04**

#### **Subdistricts**

In order to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Chapter, the #Special St. George District# shall include three subdistricts: the Upland Subdistrict, the North Waterfront District and the South Waterfront Subdistrict, as shown on Map 1 (Special St. George District and Subdistricts) in the Appendix to this Chapter.

(10/23/08)

### **128-05**

#### **Applicability of District Regulations**

(3/28/12)

**128-051**

**Applicability of Article I, Chapter 2**

The definition of "lower density growth management area" in Section 12-10 (DEFINITIONS) shall be modified to exclude all districts within the #Special St. George District#.

(3/28/12)

**128-052**

**Applicability of Article I, Chapter 5**

The provisions of Article I, Chapter 5 (Residential Conversion within Existing Buildings), shall apply in the #Special St. George District#, as modified in this Section. The change of non-#residential floor area# to #residences# in #buildings#, or portions thereof, erected prior to January 1, 1977, shall be permitted subject to Sections 15-11 (Bulk Regulations), 15-12 (Open Space Equivalent) and 15-30 (MINOR MODIFICATIONS), paragraph (b). #Uses# in #buildings# erected prior to January 1, 1977, containing both #residential# and non-#residential uses# shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 32-42 (Location within Buildings).

(3/28/12)

**128-053**

**Applicability of Article III, Chapter 6**

The provisions of Section 36-76 (Waiver or Reduction of Spaces for Subsidized Housing) shall not apply in the #Special St. George District#.

(10/30/13)

**128-054**

**Applicability of Article VI, Chapter 2**

The provisions of Article VI, Chapter 2 (Special Regulations

Applying in the Waterfront Area), shall apply in the North Waterfront Subdistrict of the #Special St. George District#, as modified in this Chapter. In such Subdistrict, such provisions shall not apply to improvements to the publicly accessible waterfront open space, or to #developments#, #enlargements#, alterations and changes of #use# permitted pursuant to Section 128-61 (Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites). However, the regulations of Section 62-31 (Bulk Computations on Waterfront Zoning Lots) shall apply to such #developments#, #enlargements#, alterations and changes of #use#, as modified pursuant to such special permit. In addition, the special requirements for #visual corridors# set forth in Section 128-43 (Visual Corridors in the North Waterfront Subdistrict) shall apply.

(10/30/13)

**128-055**

**Applicability of Article VII, Chapter 4**

Within the North Waterfront Subdistrict of the #Special St. George District#, the following special permits shall not apply:

Section 74-512 (In other districts)

Section 74-68 (Development Within or Over a Right-of-way or Yards)

Section 74-922 (Certain large retail establishments).

In addition, the provisions of the following special permits, as applicable, shall be deemed to be modified when an application pursuant to Section 128-61 (Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites) for Parcel 1 or Parcel 2, as shown on the maps in the Appendix to this Chapter, under application numbers C130317 ZSR or C130318 ZSR, as applicable, has been approved:

C000012 ZSR

C000013 ZSR

C000014 ZSR

C000016(A) ZSR

(10/23/08)

**128-10**

## **USE REGULATIONS**

(3/22/16)

### **128-11**

#### **Ground Floor Uses on Commercial Streets**

Map 2 (Commercial Streets) in the Appendix to this Chapter specifies locations where the special ground floor #use# regulations of this Section apply.

#Uses# on the ground floor of a #building# shall be limited to #commercial uses# #, except for Type 1 lobbies and entrances to #accessory# parking spaces provided in accordance with Section 37-33 (Maximum Width of Certain Uses). Such #commercial uses# shall comply with the minimum depth provisions of Section 37-32 (Ground Floor Depth Requirements for Certain Uses). In addition, #accessory# parking spaces, including such spaces #accessory# to #residences#, shall be permitted on the ground floor, provided they comply with the provisions of Section 37-35 (Parking Wrap and Screening Requirements). The level of the finished floor of such ground floor shall be located not higher than two feet above nor lower than two feet below the as-built level of the adjoining #street#.

(3/22/16)

### **128-12**

#### **Transparency Requirements**

Any #street wall# of a #building developed# or #enlarged# after October 23, 2008, where the ground floor level of such #development# or #enlarged# portion of the #building# contains #commercial# or #community facility uses#, shall be glazed in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-34 (Minimum Transparency Requirements).

For the purposes of this Section, Bank Street shall be considered a #street#. However, this Section shall not apply to a stadium #use# within the North Waterfront Subdistrict.

(3/22/16)

### **128-13**

#### **Location of Uses in Mixed Buildings**

The provisions of Section 32-422 (Location of floors occupied by commercial uses) are modified to permit #dwelling units# on the same #story# as a #commercial use# provided no access exists between such #uses# at any level containing #dwelling units# and provided any #commercial uses# are not located directly over any #dwelling units#. However, such #commercial use# may be located over #dwelling units# by authorization of the City Planning Commission upon a finding that sufficient separation of #residential uses# from #commercial uses# exists within the #building#.

(10/23/08)

#### **128-20**

##### **FLOOR AREA, LOT COVERAGE AND YARD REGULATIONS**

(10/23/08)

#### **128-21**

##### **Maximum Floor Area Ratio**

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, the underlying #floor area ratio# and #open space# regulations shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the maximum #floor area ratio# for any #use#, separately or in combination, shall be 3.4, and no #floor area# bonuses shall apply, except that for #zoning lots# with less than 10,000 square feet of #lot area# without frontage on a #commercial street#, the maximum #floor area ratio# for any #use#, separately or in combination, shall be 2.2, and no #floor area# bonuses shall apply.

(3/22/16)

#### **128-22**

##### **Maximum Lot Coverage**

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, the underlying #open space ratio# provisions shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the maximum permitted #lot coverage# for a #residential building#, or portion thereof, shall be 70 percent for an #interior# or #through lot# and 100 percent for a #corner lot#.

(10/23/08)

## **128-23**

### **Rear Yard Equivalents**

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, the #rear yard equivalent# regulations for #residential uses# on #through lots#, or the #through lot# portion of a #zoning lot#, are modified as set forth in this Section. Such #yards# shall be provided within 45 feet of the centerline of the #through lot# or #through lot# portion, and the level of such #yards# may be provided at any level not higher than the floor level of the lowest #story# containing #dwelling units# that face such #yards#. Furthermore, no #rear yard equivalent# regulations shall apply to any #through lot# or #through lot# portion of a #zoning lot# on which a tower is #developed# or #enlarged#, pursuant to Section 128-35.

(10/30/13)

## **128-30**

### **HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS**

The provisions of this Section, inclusive, shall apply to all #buildings or other structures# within the Upland Subdistrict.

In C1-2 Districts mapped within R3-2 Districts, all #buildings or other structures# shall comply with the height and setback regulations of R4 Districts, except that the maximum perimeter wall height shall be 26 feet, and the #street wall# location provisions of Section 128-32 (Street Wall Location) shall apply.

The underlying height and setback regulations of C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the height and setback regulations of this Section, inclusive, shall apply.

In the South and North Waterfront Subdistricts, the underlying height and setback regulations of Section 62-34 (Height and Setback Regulations on Waterfront Blocks) shall apply, except that:

- (a) in the South Waterfront Subdistrict, rooftop regulations shall be as modified in Section 128-31 (Rooftop Regulations); and
- (b) in the North Waterfront Subdistrict, #developments#, #enlargements#, alterations and changes of #use# permitted pursuant to Section 128-61 (Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites) shall instead be subject to the Proposed Plans, as set forth in Section 128-61, as approved pursuant to such special

permit.

All heights shall be measured from the #base plane#, except that wherever a minimum or maximum base height is specified for #zoning lots# with multiple #street frontages#, such heights shall be determined separately for each #street# frontage, with each height measured from the final grade of the sidewalk fronting such #street wall#.

(4/30/12)

### **128-31**

#### **Rooftop Regulations**

The provisions of Section 33-42 (Permitted Obstructions) shall apply to all #buildings#, except that dormers may penetrate a maximum base height in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c)(1) of Section 23-621 (Permitted obstructions in certain districts).

(2/2/11)

### **128-32**

#### **Street Wall Location**

(a) #Street walls# along #commercial streets#

For #zoning lots# with #commercial street# frontage, the #street wall# shall extend along at least 70 percent of the #commercial street# frontage of the #zoning lot# and be located within eight feet of the #street line# of the #commercial street#, or sidewalk widening line, whichever is applicable.

(b) #Street walls# along non-#commercial streets#

For #zoning lots# without #commercial street# frontage, the #street wall# shall extend along at least 50 percent of the #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# and be located within eight feet of the #street line# or sidewalk widening line, whichever is applicable.

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, such #street walls# shall rise without setback to the minimum height specified on Map 3 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights) in the Appendix to this Chapter, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less. When a #building# fronts on two intersecting #streets# for which different

minimum base heights apply, the higher base height may wrap around to the #street# with the lower base height, for a distance of up to 100 feet.

(3/22/16)

### **128-33**

#### **Maximum Base Height**

The maximum height of a #building or other structure# before setback shall be as specified on Map 3 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights) in the Appendix to this Chapter. Where a maximum base height of 65 feet applies as shown on Map 3, such maximum base height shall be reduced to 40 feet for #zoning lots developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the tower provisions of Section 128-35. When a #building# fronts on two intersecting #streets# for which different maximum base heights apply, the higher base height may wrap around to the #street# with the lower base height for a distance of up to 100 feet. All portions of #buildings or other structures# above such maximum base heights shall provide a setback at least ten feet in depth measured from any #street wall# facing a #wide street# and 15 feet in depth from any #street wall# facing a #narrow street#.

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, dormers may exceed the maximum base height in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of Section 23-621 (Permitted obstructions in certain districts). However, on any #zoning lot# that includes a tower #developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to Section 128-35, dormers shall not be permitted.

(3/22/16)

### **128-34**

#### **Maximum Building Height**

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict, for #buildings# that are not #developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the tower provisions of Section 128-35 (Towers), the maximum height of a #building or other structure# and the maximum number of #stories#, as applicable, shall be as set forth in Section 23-662 (Maximum height of buildings and setback regulations) for a residential equivalent of an R6 District. Separate maximum #building# heights are set forth within such Section for #developments# or #enlargements# with #qualifying ground floors# and for those with #non-qualifying ground floors#. However, on Bay Street where there is a maximum base height of 85 feet, the maximum height of a

#building or other structure# also shall be 85 feet.

In C4-2 Districts within the Upland Subdistrict for #buildings# that are #developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the tower provisions of Section 128-35, the maximum height of the tower portion of a #building# shall be 200 feet, and the height of all other portions of the #building# shall not exceed the applicable maximum base height. Where a maximum base height of 65 feet applies as shown on Map 3 in the Appendix to this Chapter, such maximum base height shall be reduced to 40 feet for #zoning lots developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the tower provisions of Section 128-35.

(3/22/16)

### **128-35 Towers**

The tower provisions of this Section shall apply, as an option, to any #zoning lot# with a #lot area# of at least 10,000 square feet. Any portion of a #building developed# or #enlarged# on such #zoning lots# that exceeds the applicable maximum base height shall be constructed as either a point tower or a broad tower, as follows:

(a) Point tower

(1) Tower #lot coverage# and maximum length

Each #story# located entirely above a height of 75 feet shall not exceed a gross area of 6,800 square feet. The outermost walls of each #story# shall be inscribed within a rectangle, and the maximum length of any side of such rectangle shall be 85 feet.

(2) Tower top articulation

The highest three #stories#, or as many #stories# as are located entirely above a height of 75 feet, whichever is less, shall have a #lot coverage# of at least 50 percent of the #story# immediately below such #stories#, and a maximum #lot coverage# of 80 percent of the #story# immediately below such #stories#. Such reduced #lot coverage# shall be achieved by one or more setbacks on each face of the tower, where at least one setback on each tower face has a depth of at least four feet, and a width that, individually or in the aggregate, is equal to at least 10 percent of the width of such respective tower face. For the purposes of this paragraph, (a) (2), each tower shall have four tower faces, with each face being the side of a rectangle within which

the outermost walls of the highest #story# not subject to the reduced #lot coverage# provisions have been inscribed. The required setbacks shall be measured from the outermost walls of the #building# facing each tower face. Required setback areas may overlap.

(b) Broad tower

Each #story# located entirely above a height of 75 feet shall not exceed a gross area of 8,800 square feet. The outermost walls of each such #story# shall be inscribed within a rectangle, and the maximum length of any side of such rectangle shall be 135 feet. The upper #stories# shall provide setbacks with a minimum depth of 15 feet measured from the east facing wall of the #story# immediately below. Such setbacks shall be provided at the level of three different #stories#, or as many #stories# as are located entirely above a height of 75 feet, whichever is less. For towers with at least six #stories# located entirely above a height of 75 feet, the lowest level at which such setbacks may be provided is 100 feet, and the highest #story# shall be located entirely within the western half of the tower.

(c) Orientation of all towers

The maximum length of the outermost walls of any side of each #story# of a #building# facing the #shoreline# that is entirely above a height of 75 feet shall not exceed 80 feet. For the purposes of this Section, the #street line# of St. Marks Place shall be considered to be a line parallel to the #shoreline#, and any side of such rectangle facing St. Marks Place from which lines perpendicular to the #street line# of St. Marks Place may be drawn, regardless of intervening structures, properties or #streets#, shall not exceed 80 feet.

(d) Location of all towers

Any portion of a #building# that exceeds a height of 70 feet shall be no closer to a #side lot line# than eight feet, and any #story# of a #building# that is entirely above a height of 70 feet shall be located within 25 feet of a #street line# or sidewalk widening line, where applicable.

(e) Maximum tower height

The maximum height of any #building# utilizing the tower provisions of this Section shall be 200 feet. The height of the tower portion of the #building# shall be measured from the #base plane#.

(f) Tower and base integration

All portions of a #building# that exceed the applicable maximum base height set forth in Section 128-33 shall be set back at least 10 feet from the #street wall# of a #building# facing a #wide street# and at least 15 feet from the #street wall# of a #building# facing a #narrow street#. However, up to 50 percent of the #street wall# of the portion of the #building# located above a height of 75 feet need not be set back from the #street wall# of the #building#, and may rise without setback from grade, provided such portion of the #building# is set back at least 10 feet from a #wide street line# or sidewalk widening line, where applicable, and at least 15 feet from a #narrow street line# or sidewalk widening line, where applicable.

(g) Tower exclusion areas

No #building or other structure# may exceed a height of 75 feet within the areas designated on Map 4 (Tower Restriction Areas) in the Appendix to this Chapter.

(10/23/08)

**128-40**

**MANDATORY IMPROVEMENTS**

(10/23/08)

**128-41**

**Sidewalks**

Sidewalks with a depth of at least 12 feet, measured perpendicular to the curb of a #street#, shall be provided along the entire #street# frontage of a #zoning lot#. In locations where the width of the sidewalk within the #street# is less than 12 feet, a sidewalk widening shall be provided on the #zoning lot# so that the combined width of the sidewalk within the #street# and the sidewalk widening equals 12 feet. However, existing #buildings# to remain on the #zoning lot# need not be removed in order to comply with this requirement. All sidewalk widenings shall be improved to Department of Transportation standards for sidewalks, shall be at the same level as the adjoining public sidewalks, and shall be accessible to the public at all times.

(2/2/11)

## **128-42**

### **Planting Areas**

The entire area of the #zoning lot# between the #street line# or sidewalk widening line, where applicable, and all #street walls# of the #building# and their prolongations, shall be planted at ground level, or in raised planting beds that are permanently affixed to the ground, except that such plantings shall not be required at the entrances to, and exits from, the #building#, within driveways accessing off-street parking spaces located within, to the side, or rear of such #building#, or between #commercial uses# and the #street line#. No #zoning lot# shall be altered in any way that will either create a new non-compliance or increase the degree of non-compliance with the provisions of this Section.

(10/30/13)

## **128-43**

### **Visual Corridors in the North Waterfront Subdistrict**

The designated locations for #visual corridors#, as defined in Article VI, Chapter 2, are shown on Map 5 in the Appendix to this Chapter. Such #visual corridors# shall be provided in accordance with the standards of Sections 62-512 (Dimensions of visual corridors) and 62-513 (Permitted obstructions in visual corridors), except that:

- (a) lighting fixtures in #visual corridors# shall be considered permitted obstructions; and
- (b) within the #visual corridor# provided through Parcel 2 to the Pierhead line within the flexible location zone indicated on Map 5, a portion of a #building# shall be a permitted obstruction, provided that such obstruction is located no more than 14 feet above the reference plane of the #visual corridor#, and that such obstruction occupies no more than 185,000 cubic feet in total above the reference plane of the #visual corridor#.

(10/23/08)

## **128-50**

### **PARKING REGULATIONS**

In the #Special St. George District#, the underlying regulations governing permitted and required #accessory# off-street parking spaces are modified as set forth in this Section.

(3/22/16)

## **128-51**

### **Required Off-Street Parking and Loading**

In C4-2 Districts, the following special regulations shall apply:

(a) #Residential uses#

One off-street parking space shall be provided for each #dwelling unit# created after October 23, 2008, including any #dwelling units# within #buildings converted# pursuant to Article I, Chapter 5 (Residential Conversion within Existing Buildings), except that the provisions of Section 25-25 (Modification of Requirements for Income-Restricted Housing Units, Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors or Other Government-Assisted Dwelling Units) shall apply to #income-restricted housing units#. However, where the total number of required spaces is five or fewer or, for #conversions#, where the total number of required spaces is 20 or fewer, no parking shall be required, except that such waiver provision shall not apply to any #zoning lot# subdivided after October 28, 2008. The provisions of Section 73-46 (Waiver of Requirements for Conversions) shall apply to #conversions# where more than 20 parking spaces are required.

(b) #Commercial uses#

For #commercial uses#, the off-street parking and loading requirements of a C4-3 District shall apply, except that food stores with 2,000 or more square feet of #floor area# per establishment shall require one parking space per 400 square feet of #floor area# and, for places of assembly and hotels, the off-street parking and loading requirements of a C4-2 District shall apply.

(c) #Community facility use#

For ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities listed in Use Group 4, the off-street parking requirements of a C4-3 District shall apply.

(10/23/08)

**128-52**

**Special Floor Area Regulations**

The #floor area# of a #building# shall not include floor space used for off-street parking spaces provided in any #story# that complies with the provisions of Section 128-54 (Location of Accessory Off-Street Parking Spaces).

(10/23/08)

**128-53**

**Use of Parking Facilities**

All #accessory# off-street parking spaces may be provided within parking facilities, including #public parking garages#, on #zoning lots# other than the same #zoning lot# as the #use# to which they are #accessory#, provided:

- (a) such parking facilities are located within the #Special St. George District#;
- (b) the off-street parking space within such facility is counted only once in meeting the parking requirements for a specific #zoning lot#; and
- (c) the number of #accessory# parking spaces within such facility shall not exceed the combined number of spaces permitted on each #zoning lot# using such facility, less the number of spaces provided on each #zoning lot# using such facility.

(3/22/16)

**128-54**

**Location of Accessory Off-Street Parking Spaces**

No open parking areas shall be located between the #street wall# of a #building# and the #street line#, and no open parking area shall front upon a #commercial street#. All open parking areas, regardless of the number of parking spaces, shall comply with the perimeter screening requirements of Section 37-921.

All off-street parking spaces within structures shall be located within facilities that, except for entrances and exits, are:

- (a) entirely below the level of each #street# upon which such facility fronts; or
  - (b) located, at every level above-grade, behind #floor area# or screening in accordance with the provisions of 37-35 (Parking Wrap and Screening Requirements). For the purpose of applying such provisions, #commercial streets# designated on Map 2 in Appendix A of this Chapter shall be considered designated retail #streets#; and
- (b) no parking shall be permitted on the roof of such facilities.

(2/2/11)

#### **128-55**

#### **Special Requirements for Roofs of Parking Facilities**

The roof of a facility containing off-street parking spaces, not otherwise covered by a #building#, which is larger than 400 square feet, shall be landscaped. No parking spaces shall be provided on the roof of such facility. Up to five percent of such roof area may be used for mechanical equipment, provided that such mechanical equipment is screened from view by a fence which is at least 75 percent opaque or by at least three feet of dense planting. No less than 75 percent of such roof area shall be accessible for the recreational use of the occupants of the #building# in which it is located; and no more than 25 percent may be accessible solely from an adjacent #dwelling unit#. Hard surfaced areas shall not cover more than 60 percent of such roof area.

(10/23/08)

#### **128-56**

#### **Curb Cuts on Commercial Streets**

No curb cuts shall be permitted on #commercial streets# as shown on Map 2 in the Appendix to this Chapter. However, if access to a required #accessory# parking facility or loading berth is not possible because of such restriction, a curb cut may be allowed if the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission certifies to the Commissioner of Buildings that such location is the only possible location for the facility or loading berth, is not hazardous to traffic safety, is at least 50 feet from the intersection of two #street lines#, and is constructed so as to have minimal effect on

the streetscape.

(10/30/13)

## **128-60**

### **SPECIAL APPROVALS**

The special permit for North Waterfront sites set forth in Section 128-61 is established in order to guide and encourage appropriate #use# and #development# in a unique location within the #Special St. George District# that serves as a gateway between Staten Island and Manhattan for both visitors and daily commuters. Redevelopment of the North Waterfront sites pursuant to this special permit provides an appropriate means to address the special characteristics of these sites, while accommodating their continuing transportation function, as part of their transformation into a regional destination that will contribute to the revitalization of the #Special St. George District# and surrounding area.

(10/30/13)

## **128-61**

### **Special Permit for North Waterfront Sites**

In the North Waterfront Subdistrict, for Parcels 1 and 2, and for improvements to the publicly accessible waterfront open space, provided in connection with the #development# of such parcels, as applicable, the City Planning Commission may approve, by special permit, a development plan for each such parcel and an improvement plan for the publicly accessible waterfront open space. For any application for such special permit, the applicant shall provide plans to the Commission, including but not limited to a site plan, interim parking plan, signage plan, lighting plan and an improvement plan for the publicly accessible waterfront open space (the "Proposed Plans"). Such Proposed Plans shall be subject to the conditions set forth in paragraphs (a) through (e) and the findings set forth in paragraph (f) of this Section.

Pursuant to such Proposed Plans, the Commission may:

(a) permit the following #uses#:

- (1) #commercial uses# as set forth in Section 42-12 (Use Groups 3A, 6A, 6B, 6D, 6F, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 8, 9B, 9C, 10A, 10B, 10C, 11, 12A, 12C, 12D, 12E, 13, 14 and 16) with no limitation on #floor area# per establishment;

- (2) #uses# specified in Section 32-24 (Use Group 15);
  - (3) #public parking garages# with more than 150 spaces;
  - (4) temporary #public parking lots# or #public parking garages# with more than 150 spaces, supplied in connection with an interim parking plan, provided that:
    - (i) the applicable findings of Section 74-51 (Public Parking Garages or Public Parking Lots Outside High Density Central Areas) are met by each such temporary public parking facility;
    - (ii) such temporary #public parking lots# or #public parking garages# with more than 150 spaces, may be located off-site or beyond the boundaries of the #Special St. George District# only as set forth in the interim parking plan. Any change in the location of such temporary #public parking# facility with more than 150 spaces, or any increase in the number of spaces in a temporary #public parking# facility to more than 150 spaces, or any addition of a #public parking# facility with more than 150 spaces provided in connection with such interim parking plan, shall be subject to further approval by the City Planning Commission and referred to the applicable Community Board(s) for review; and
    - (iii) the permit to operate such #public parking lots# or #public parking garages# shall expire 30 days after the Department of Buildings issues a certificate of occupancy for all permanent public parking facilities on Parcel 2;
- (b) where such #development# is located partially or entirely within a railroad or transit right-of way or yard or in #railroad or transit air space#:
- (1) permit that portion of the railroad or transit right-of-way or yard which will be completely covered over by a permanent platform to be included in the calculations of #lot area# for such #development#; and
  - (2) establish, in lieu of #base plane#, an appropriate level or levels as the reference plane for the entire #zoning lot# for the applicable regulations pertaining to, but not limited to, height and setback, #floor area# and #yards#;
- (c) permit #signs# pursuant to a signage plan, subject to the

following conditions:

- (1) the #sign# regulations of a C4 District, as set forth in Section 32-60, shall apply, except as specifically modified by the conditions set forth in paragraphs (c) (2) through (c) (7), inclusive, of this Section;
- (2) #flashing signs# shall not be permitted;
- (3) the height of #signs# shall be measured from the #base plane#;
- (4) flags, banners or pennants, other than those that are #advertising signs#, shall be permitted without limitation;
- (5) on Parcel 1:
  - (i) the total #surface area# of a #sign# affixed to a #building# frontage facing the #shoreline# or affixed to the base of a structure facing the #shoreline# shall not exceed 1,120 square feet, provided that for a #sign# with a #surface area# larger than 500 square feet, all writing, pictorial representations, emblems, flags, symbols or any other figure or character comprising the design of such #sign#, shall be separate elements, individually cut and separately affixed to the structure. No perimeter or background surfaces shall be applied or affixed to the structure in addition to such separate elements. No portion of such separate elements shall extend beyond the maximum dimensions allowed for the structure; and
  - (ii) #signs# shall be permitted to be located on the deck of the railroad right-of-way, provided that the #surface area# of such #signs# shall be included in the calculations of total #surface area# of #signs#;
- (6) on Parcel 2:
  - (i) open pedestrian pathways of at least 20 feet in width shall be considered #streets# for the purposes of #sign# regulations;
  - (ii) #signs# shall not extend to a height greater than 60 feet above the #base plane#; and
  - (iii) the total #surface area# of #signs# on the #building# frontage facing Richmond Terrace, the prolongation of Wall Street, or on the #building# frontage or other

structure facing the access route into the Ferry Terminal for buses, may exceed the limitations for total #surface area# for #signs# permitted in a C4 District, pursuant to an approved signage plan; and

(7) the total #surface area# of all #signs# on Parcel 2 facing the #shoreline#, or that are within 15 degrees of being parallel to the #shoreline#, shall not exceed:

(i) 500 square feet for #signs# located above the level of the first #story# ceiling of #buildings#; or

(ii) 250 square feet for #signs# located below the level of the first #story# ceiling of #buildings#;

(d) through approval of the Proposed Plans, establish appropriate requirements in lieu of the following #Special St. George District# regulations:

Section 128-12 (Transparency Requirements);

Section 128-42 (Planting Areas);

Section 128-54 (Location of Accessory Off-Street Parking Spaces) to the extent necessary to accommodate demand for parking within the North Waterfront Subdistrict;

Section 128-55 (Special Requirements for Roofs of Parking Facilities); and

(e) through approval of the Proposed Plans:

(1) establish appropriate requirements for the height and setback of #buildings or other structures#, permitted obstructions in #yards#, off-street parking and loading; and

(2) permit #floor area# to be distributed within the North Waterfront Subdistrict without regard for #zoning lot lines#, provided that if distribution is made to a #zoning lot#, subject to a special permit granted under this Section, from a #zoning lot# not subject to such special permit, Notices of Restriction in a form acceptable to the Department of City Planning shall be filed against such #zoning lots# setting forth the increase and decrease in the #floor area# on such #zoning lots#, respectively.

(f) The Commission shall find that the Proposed Plans:

- (1) include #uses# that are appropriate, considering the unique location of the site in relation to the Staten Island Ferry Terminal, the Staten Island Rail Road, and the land #uses# in and around the #Special St. George District#;
- (2) provide a distribution of #floor area#, locations and heights of #buildings or other structures#, primary business entrances and open areas, that will result in a superior site plan, providing a well-designed relationship between #buildings and other structures# and open areas on the #zoning lot#; and shall also provide a well-designed relationship between the site and adjacent #streets#, surrounding #buildings#, adjacent off-site open areas and #shorelines# and will thus benefit the users of the site, the neighborhood and the City as a whole;
- (3) provide a distribution of #floor area# and locations and heights of #buildings or other structures# that will not unduly increase the #bulk# of #buildings or other structures# in the North Waterfront Subdistrict or unduly obstruct access of light and air to the detriment of the users of the site or nearby #blocks# or of people using the public #streets#, and that will provide waterfront vistas from nearby #streets# and properties on nearby #blocks#;
- (4) provide useful and attractive publicly accessible open space, with sufficient public amenities, including but not limited to seating, landscaping and lighting, that results in a superior relationship with surrounding neighborhood destinations, #streets#, #buildings#, open areas, public facilities and the waterfront;
- (5) improve public access to the waterfront;
- (6) improve, as applicable, the publicly accessible waterfront open space sufficiently to ensure that emergency vehicles will have adequate access to the waterfront and adjacent #developments#;
- (7) in connection with the improvement of the applicable portions of the publicly accessible waterfront open space, restore planted areas, trees and lighting in a way that is attractive and compatible with the design of the Waterfront Esplanade existing on October 30, 2013;
- (8) provide adequate parking and loading to meet the demand for all users during peak utilization;

- (9) provide adequate parking for commuters at locations convenient and accessible to the Staten Island Ferry Terminal at all times and during all phases of construction;
- (10) provide signage and lighting that are compatible with the scenic and historic character of the harbor and that will not adversely affect the character of the surrounding neighborhood;
- (11) for a #public parking garage# with more than 150 parking spaces, will ensure that:
  - (i) entrances are proposed in locations and with design features that minimize traffic congestion and conflicts with pedestrians;
  - (ii) adequate reservoir space has been provided at the vehicular entrances; and
  - (iii) the #streets# providing access to such #use# will be adequate to handle the traffic generated thereby; and
- (12) for a #development# located partially or entirely within a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard and/or in #railroad or transit air space#, that:
  - (i) the distribution of #floor area# does not adversely affect the character of the surrounding area by being unduly concentrated in any portion of such #development#, including any portion of the #development# located beyond the boundaries of such railroad or transit right-of-way or yard; and
  - (ii) if such railroad or transit right-of-way or yard is deemed appropriate for future transportation #use#, the site plan and structural design of the #development# do not preclude future use of, or improvements to, the right-of-way for such transportation #use#.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area. In addition, for a #development# located partially or entirely within a railroad or transit right-of-way or yard, or in #railroad or transit air space#, the Commission may require that the structural design of such #development# makes due allowance for changes within the layout of tracks or other structures within any #railroad or transit air space# or railroad or transit right-of-way or yard which may be deemed necessary in connection with future

development or improvement of the transportation system.

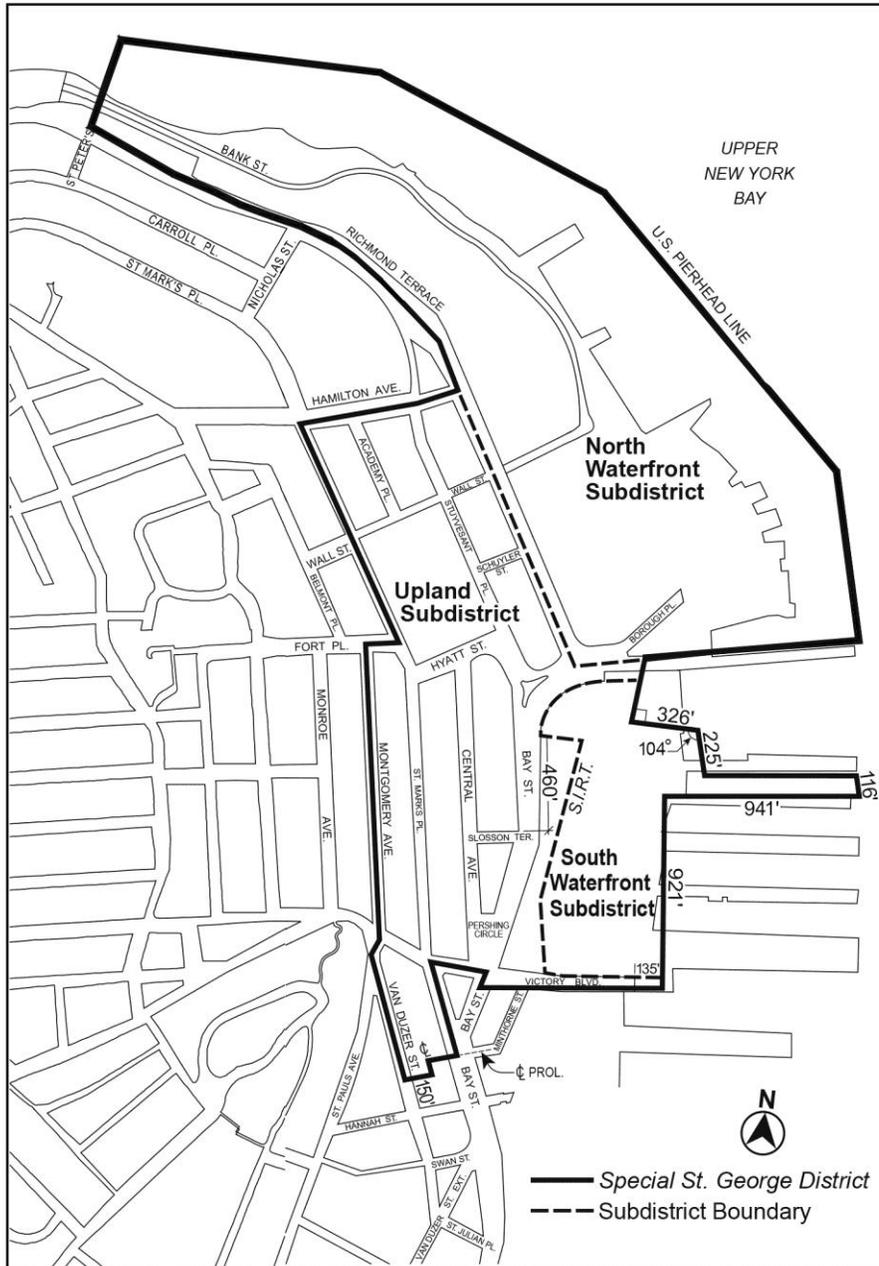
Prior to granting a special permit, the City Planning Commission shall request the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to indicate whether said agency has any plan to use that portion of any #railroad or transit air space# or railroad or transit right-of-way or yard where the railroad or transit #use# has been discontinued.

The execution and recordation of a restrictive declaration acceptable to the Commission, binding the owners, successors and assigns to maintain such #developments#, #enlargements#, alterations, changes of #use#, and any temporary parking facilities, in accordance with the approved Proposed Plans, and in a manner consistent with any additional conditions and safeguards prescribed by the Commission, shall be a condition to exercise of the special permit. Such restrictive declaration shall be recorded in the Office of the County Clerk. A copy of such declaration shall be provided to the Department of Buildings upon application for any building permit related to a #development#, #enlargement# or change of #use#.

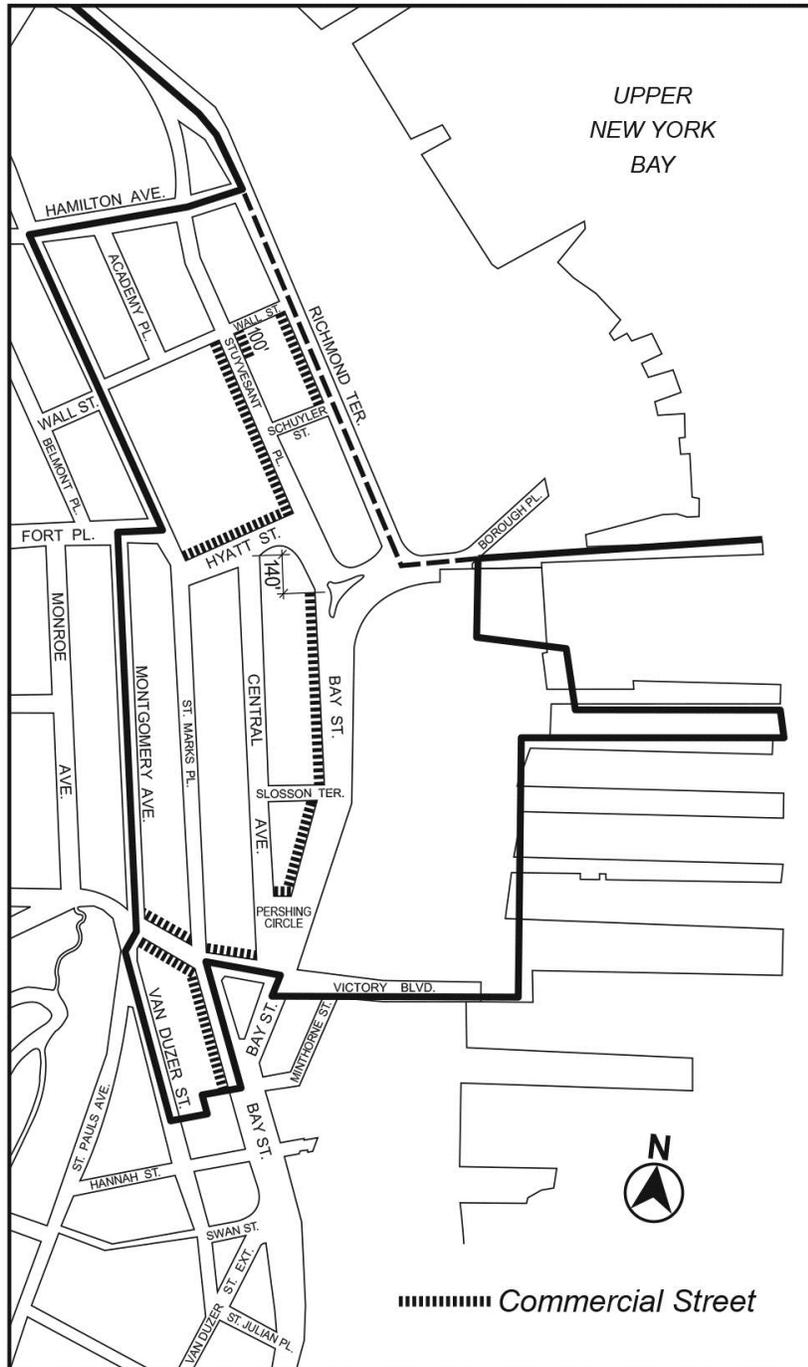
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**Appendix  
Special St. George District Plan**

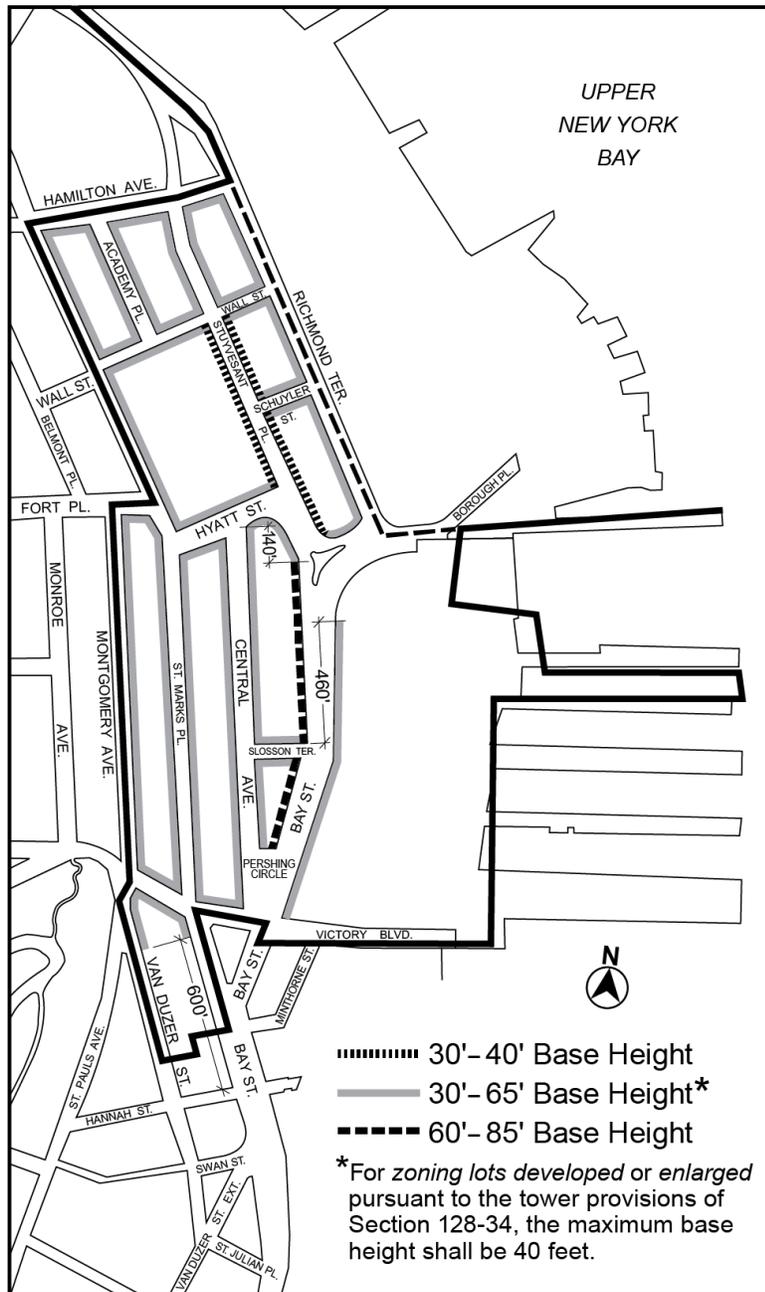
Map 1 - Special St. George District and Subdistricts



Map 2 - Commercial Streets



Map 3 - Minimum and Maximum Base Heights





Map 5 - Visual Corridors and Parcels

