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Special Coastal Risk District

137-00  GENERAL PURPOSES

The “Special Coastal Risk District” established in this Resolution is designed to promote and protect public health, safety and general welfare in coastal areas that are currently at exceptional risk from flooding and may face greater risk in the future. These general goals include, among others, the following specific purposes:

(a) to limit the population in areas that are vulnerable to frequent flooding, including those areas exceptionally at risk from projected future tidal flooding;

(b) to reduce the potential for property damage and disruption from regular flood events and support the City’s capacity to provide infrastructure and services;

(c) to promote consistency with planned improvements, neighborhood plans, and other measures to promote drainage, coastal protection, open space and other public purposes;

(d) provide sound planning in areas that have historically been occupied by wetlands and, where plans exist, for such areas to be maintained as open space; and

(e) to promote the most desirable use of land and thus conserve the value of land and buildings, and thereby protect the City’s tax revenue.
The provisions of this Chapter shall apply in the #Special Coastal Risk 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 The regulations of all other Chapters of this Resolution are applicable, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by the provisions of this Chapter.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.

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137-11
District Plan and Maps

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

Map 1 #Special Coastal Risk District# 1 (CR-1), in Broad Channel, Community District 14, Borough of Queens

Map 2 #Special Coastal Risk District# 2 (CR-2), in Hamilton Beach, Community District 10, Borough of Queens

Map 3 #Special Coastal Risk District# 3 (CR-3), encompassing New York State Enhanced Buyout Areas in Graham Beach and Ocean Breeze, Community District 2, Borough of Staten Island

Map 4 #Special Coastal Risk District# 3 (CR-3), encompassing New York State Enhanced Buyout Areas in Oakwood Beach, Community District 3, Borough of Staten Island.

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137-12
Applicability of Special Regulations

The special #use# and #bulk# regulations of this Chapter shall apply in the #Special Coastal Risk District# as set forth in the following table:
SPECIAL REGULATIONS

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SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS

The special #use# regulations of this Section 137-20, inclusive, shall apply in the #Special Coastal Risk Districts# as set forth in the table in Section 137-12 (Applicability of Special Regulations).

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137-21
Residential Use

In #Special Coastal Risk Districts# 1 and 3, #residential uses# shall be limited to #single-family detached residences# and #accessory uses# as set forth in Section 22-11 (Use Group 1).

In #Special Coastal Risk District# 2, #residential uses# shall be limited to #single-# or #two-family detached residences# and #accessory uses# as set forth in paragraphs A. and B. of Section 22-12 (Use Group 2).
137-22
Community Facility Use

In #Special Coastal Risk Districts#, #community facilities# with sleeping accommodations shall not be permitted.

In #lower density growth management areas# in #Special Coastal Risk District# 3, the regulations for #community facility uses# of the underlying districts shall be modified as follows:

(a) ambulatory diagnostic or treatment health care facilities shall be limited on any #zoning lot# to 1,500 square feet of #floor area#, including #cellar# space; and

(b) all #community facility uses# shall be subject to the maximum #floor area ratio#, and special #floor area# limitations, applicable to R3-2 Districts set forth in Section 24-162 (Maximum floor area ratios and special floor area limitations for zoning lots containing residential and community facility uses in certain districts).

137-30
SPECIAL BULK REGULATIONS

The special #bulk# regulations of this Section 137-30, inclusive, shall apply to #buildings# in the #Special Coastal Risk Districts# as set forth in the table in Section 137-12 (Applicability of Special Regulations).

137-31
Minimum Lot Width

In #Special Coastal Risk District# 2, the regulations of Section 23-32 (Minimum Lot Area or Lot Width for Residences) are
modified such that the minimum #lot width# for a #two-family detached residence# in an R3A District shall be 40 feet.

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137-40

SPECIAL APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE V

In #Special Coastal Risk District# 3, the provisions of Article V, Chapter 2 (Non-conforming Uses) shall be modified as set forth in this Section.

#Non-conforming uses# may not be #enlarged# or #extended#. In addition, should 50 percent or more of the #floor area# of a #building# containing a #non-conforming use# be damaged or destroyed after September 7, 2017, the #building# may be repaired, #incidentally altered# or reconstructed only for a #conforming use#.

However, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any #building# that was damaged to the extent of 50 percent or more due to the effects of #Hurricane Sandy#, as defined in Article VI, Chapter 4 (Special Regulations Applying in Flood Hazard Areas). The special regulations for #non-conforming buildings# of Section 64-70 shall apply to such #buildings#.

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137-50

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTS AND ENLARGEMENTS

In #Special Coastal Risk District# 3, no #development# or horizontal #enlargement# shall occur, except where authorized by the City Planning Commission pursuant to Sections 137-51 (Authorization for Development of Single Buildings and Enlargements) or 137-52 (Authorization for Development of Multiple Buildings), as applicable.

For the purposes of determining which authorization shall be applicable, the #zoning lot# upon which the #development# shall occur shall be considered to be a tract of land that existed under separate ownership from all adjoining tracts of land on April 24, 2017.
For the purposes of such authorizations, the alteration of any existing building resulting in the removal of more than 75 percent of the floor area and more than 25 percent of the perimeter walls of such existing building, and the replacement of any amount of floor area, shall be considered a development.

The provisions of Section 137-50, inclusive, shall not apply to the reconstruction of any building that was damaged to the extent of 50 percent or more due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy, as defined in Article VI, Chapter 4 (Special Regulations Applying in Flood Hazard Areas), or to the reconstruction of a garage accessory to a single-family residence or two-family residence.

The provisions of Section 64-92 (Special Permit for Modification of Certain Zoning Regulations) shall be inapplicable to a building that is developed pursuant to this Section, inclusive.

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137-51 Authorization for Development of Single Buildings and Enlargements

The City Planning Commission may authorize a horizontal enlargement, or a development consisting of no more than one building containing a non-accessory use, on one or more zoning lots, and may modify the bulk regulations of the underlying district, except floor area ratio regulations, provided that:

(a) the site plan, to the extent practicable, minimizes the need for new paving and impervious surfaces upon the zoning lot;

(b) the site plan provides access to the new or enlarged building using streets that were improved and open to traffic on the date of application for an authorization, and which serve other occupied buildings;

(c) the site plan, to the extent practicable, minimizes adverse effects on wetlands, planned open space, drainage, or other functions in the surrounding area;
(d) the resulting #building# and other site improvements would not impair the essential ecological character of the surrounding area for its future use as open space;

(e) the site plan and resulting #building# incorporate such measures as are reasonable to minimize risks to public safety from natural hazards such as flooding and wildfires; and

(f) where the Commission is modifying #bulk# regulations, such modifications are the minimum necessary to protect, or provide buffering from, wetlands or wetland-adjacent areas.

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

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137-52
Authorization for Development of Multiple Buildings

The City Planning Commission may authorize a #development# consisting of more than one #building# on one or more #zoning lots#, and may modify the #bulk# regulations of the underlying district, except #floor area ratio# regulations, provided that:

(a) all #zoning lots# comprising such #development# together provide a minimum of 9,500 square feet of #lot area# per #building#, where no portion of such #lot area# shall contain delineated wetland on a wetland survey reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Such review by the NYSDEC shall have occurred no more than two years prior to the date of application for this authorization;

(b) the #development# satisfies the findings of paragraphs (a) through (e) of Section 137-51 (Authorization for Development of Single Buildings and Enlargements);

(c) where the Commission is modifying #bulk# regulations, such modifications shall:

(1) facilitate the configuration of #buildings# in order
to protect, or provide buffering from, adjacent wetlands, open space and natural resources;

(2) facilitate, to the extent practicable, the configuration of buildings in proximity to the location of existing buildings within the area;

(3) limit the need for new paving and impermeable surfaces; and

(4) be consistent with the scale and character of the surrounding area.

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

APPENDIX
Special Coastal Risk District Plan

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