



Zoning Resolution

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Chapter 1 - Special Coney Island District (CI)

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131-00 - GENERAL PURPOSES

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The “Special Coney Island 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) to preserve, protect and enhance the character of the existing amusement district as the location of the city’s foremost concentration of amusements and an area of diverse uses of a primarily entertainment and entertainment-related nature;
- (b) to facilitate and guide the development of a year-round amusement, entertainment and hotel district;
- (c) to facilitate and guide the development of a residential and retail district;
- (d) to provide a transition to the neighboring areas to the north and west;
- (e) to provide flexibility for architectural design that encourages building forms that enhance and enliven the streetscape;
- (f) to control the impact of development on the access of light and air to streets, the Boardwalk and parks in the district and surrounding neighborhood;
- (g) to promote development in accordance with the area’s District Plan and thus conserve the value of land and buildings, and thereby protect the City’s tax revenues.

131-01 - General Provisions

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5/12/2021

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply within the #Special Coney Island 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 The regulations of all other Chapters of this Resolution are applicable, except as superseded, supplemented or modified by the provisions of this Chapter.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#, or for #transit-adjacent sites#, as defined in Section 66-11 (Definitions), 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), or Article VI, Chapter 6 (Special Regulations Applying Around Mass Transit Stations), the provisions of Article VI shall control.

NOTE: Self-certification of sewer connection applications will not be permitted by the Department of Buildings or Department of Environmental Protection in connection with any proposed #development# or #enlargement# in the #Special Coney Island District# for which sewer connection approval is required. Prior to filing a House or Site Connection application, all applicants will be required to submit a site-specific hydraulic analysis to the Department of Environmental Protection for its review and approval, to establish the adequacy of existing sanitary and storm sewers to serve the proposed #development# or #enlargement#.

131-02 - District Plan and Maps

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The District Plan for the #Special Coney Island District# identifies specific areas comprising the Special District in which special zoning regulations are established in order to carry out the general purposes of the #Special Coney Island District#. The District Plan includes the following maps in the Appendix to this Chapter.

- Map 1. Special Coney Island District and Subdistricts
- Map 2. Mandatory Ground Floor Use Requirements
- Map 3. Coney East Subdistrict Floor Area Ratios
- Map 4. Street Wall Location
- Map 5. Minimum and Maximum Base Heights
- Map 6. Coney West Subdistrict Transition Heights

131-03 - Subdistricts

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In order to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Chapter, four subdistricts are established as follows:

Coney East Subdistrict (CE)

Coney North Subdistrict (CN)

Coney West Subdistrict (CW)

Mermaid Avenue Subdistrict (MA)

In each of these subdistricts, certain special regulations apply which do not apply within the remainder of the #Special Coney Island District#. The subdistricts are specified on Map 1 in the Appendix to this Chapter.

131-04 - Applicability

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131-041 - Applicability of Article I, Chapter 5

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3/28/2012

The provisions of Article I, Chapter 5 (Residential Conversion Within Existing Buildings), shall apply in the #Special Coney Island 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).

131-042 - Applicability of Article VI, Chapter 2

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The provisions of Article VI, Chapter 2 (Special Regulations Applying in the Waterfront Area), shall not apply in the #Special Coney Island District#.

131-043 - Applicability of Article VII, Chapter 4

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3/28/2012

The provisions of Section 74-513 (In C7 Districts) shall not apply in the #Special Coney Island District#. In lieu thereof, #public parking lots# shall not be permitted, and #public parking garages# of any size shall be permitted as-of-right, provided such garages comply with the provisions of Section 131-52 (Use and Location of Parking Facilities).

131-044 - Physical culture or health establishments

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3/28/2012

The provisions of Section 73-36 (Physical Culture or Health Establishments) shall not apply in the Coney East, Coney North or Coney West Subdistricts. In lieu thereof, #physical culture or health establishments# shall be allowed as-of-right.

131-045 - Modification of use and bulk regulations

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3/28/2012

- (a) For zoning lots fronting upon Riegelmann Boardwalk, KeySpan Park and Highland View Park

Where the #lot line# of a #zoning lot# coincides or is within 20 feet of the boundary of Riegelmann Boardwalk, KeySpan Park or Highland View Park, such #lot line# shall be considered to be a #street line# for the purposes of applying all #use# and #bulk# regulations of this Resolution.

- (b) For multiple buildings on the same zoning lot

For the purposes of applying the special #use# and #bulk# regulations of this Chapter, #abutting# #buildings# on the same #zoning lot# may be considered

one #building#.

131-10 - SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS

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7/29/2009

The special #use# regulations set forth in this Section, inclusive, shall modify the underlying #Commercial Districts#, as applicable.

For the purposes of this Chapter, “ground floor level” shall mean the finished floor level within five feet of an adjacent public sidewalk or any other publicly accessible open space.

131-11 - Use Group 5

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For the purposes of this Chapter, the definition of #transient hotel# shall be modified to allow only such hotels used exclusively for transient occupancy. Such #transient hotels# used exclusively for transient occupancy shall be permitted only in specified locations as set forth in this Chapter.

131-12 - Use Groups A, B and C

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Special Use Groups are established as set forth in this Section, to promote and strengthen the commercial and entertainment character of the Special District.

131-121 - Use Group A: Amusements

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Use Group A consists of a group of #uses#, selected from Use Groups 12, 13 and 15, as modified in this Section, and may be open or enclosed:

Use Group A1

- Amusement arcades
- Amusement parks, with no limitation on floor area per establishment
- Animal exhibits, circuses, carnivals or fairs of a temporary nature
- Camps, overnight or day, #commercial# beaches or swimming pools
- Dark rides, electronic or computer-supported games, including interactive entertainment facilities, laser tag and motion simulators
- Ferris wheels, flume rides, roller coasters, whips, parachute jumps, dodgem scooters, merry-go-rounds or similar midway attractions
- Fortune tellers, freak shows, haunted houses, wax museums, or similar midway attractions
- Miniature golf courses and model car hobby centers, including racing
- Open booths with games of skill or chance, including shooting galleries
- Water parks

Use Group A2

- Arenas or auditoriums, with capacity limited to 2,000 seats
- Billiard parlors or pool halls, table tennis halls or bowling alleys, with no limitation on number of bowling lanes per establishment
- Gymnasiums or recreational sports facilities including, but not limited to, indoor golf driving ranges, batting cages, basketball, volleyball, squash and other courts, without membership requirements
- Skateboard parks, roller or ice skating rinks
- Theaters, including movie theaters, provided such #use# does not occupy the ground floor level of a #building#, except for lobbies limited to a maximum

#street# frontage of 30 feet, except that on #corner lots# one #street# frontage may extend up to 100 feet.

#Accessory# #uses# to the amusements listed in this Section, including the display and sale of goods or services, provided:

- (a) such #accessory# #uses# are limited to not more than 25 percent of the #floor area# of the amusement establishment or, for open #uses#, not more than 25 percent of the #lot area#;
- (b) such #accessory# #uses# shall be entered only through the principal amusement establishment;
- (c) such #accessory# #uses# shall share common cash registers with the principal amusement #use#;
- (d) such #accessory# #uses# shall have the same hours of operation as the principal amusement #use#; and
- (e) the principal amusement #use# shall occupy the entire #street# frontage of the ground floor level of the establishment and shall extend to a depth of at least 30 feet from the #street wall# of the #building# or, for open #uses#, at least 30 feet from the #street line#.

131-122 - Use Group B: Amusement and entertainment-enhancing uses

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Use Group B consists of a group of #uses#, selected from Use Groups 6, 9, 12, 13 and 18, as modified in this Section:

Art gallery, commercial

Banquet halls

Breweries

Eating or drinking establishments of any size, including those with entertainment or dancing

Historical exhibits

Spas and bathhouses

Studios, art, music, dancing or theatrical

Tattoo parlors

Radio or television studios

Wedding chapels

131-123 - Use Group C: Retail and service uses

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Use Group C consists of a group of retail and service #uses#, selected from Use Groups 6, 7, 12 and 14, as modified in this Section:

Arts and crafts production and sales, including but not limited to ceramics, art needlework, hand weaving or tapestries, book binding, fabric painting, glass blowing, jewelry or art metal craft and wood carving

Bicycle sales, rental or repair shops

Bookstores

Candy or ice cream stores

Clothing or clothing accessory

Clothing, custom manufacturing or altering for retail, including costume production and hair product manufacturing

Delicatessen stores

Fishing tackle or equipment, rental or sales

Gift shops

Jewelry manufacturing from precious metals

Musical instrument stores

Music stores

Newsstands

Patio or beach furniture or equipment

Photographic equipment stores and studios

Sporting goods or equipment, sale or rental, including instruction in skiing, sailing or skin diving

Toy stores

131-13 - Special Use Regulations in Subdistricts

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131-131 - Coney East Subdistrict

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

The #use# regulations of the underlying C7 District are modified as set forth in this Section. The locations of the mandatory ground floor #use# regulations of paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (f) of this Section are shown on the #streets#, or portions of #streets#, specified on Map 2 in the Appendix to this Chapter. #Transient hotels# and Use Groups A, B and C, as set forth in Sections 131-11 through 131-123, inclusive, and #public parking garages#, shall be the only #uses# allowed in the Coney East Subdistrict, and shall comply with the following regulations:

(a) Use Group C

Use Group C #uses# shall be limited to 2,500 square feet of #floor area# and 30 feet of #street# frontage, except that on #corner lots# one #street# frontage may extend up to 100 feet.

(b) Bowery and Wonder Wheel Way

At least 50 percent of Bowery and Wonder Wheel Way #street# frontage of any #zoning lot# shall be occupied by open #uses# listed in Use Group A1 or, if enclosed, by Use Group A1 #uses# at the ground floor level, and not more than 50 percent of the Bowery and Wonder Wheel Way #street# frontage of any #zoning lot# shall be occupied by Use Group C #uses# at the ground floor level.

(c) Surf Avenue

At least 15 percent of the #street# frontage of each #block# front bounding the south side of Surf Avenue between West 16th Street and West 10th Street shall be occupied by open #uses# listed in Use Group A1 or, if enclosed, by Use Group A1 #uses# at the ground floor level.

There shall be separate open establishments or enclosed ground floor establishments fronting upon each #block# front bounding Surf Avenue, as follows:

- (1) on the #block# front bounding the southerly #street line# of Surf Avenue between Stillwell Avenue and West 12th Street there shall be at least six establishments;
- (2) on the #block# front bounding the southerly #street line# of Surf Avenue between West 12th Street and West 10th Street there shall be at least six establishments;
- (3) on all other #block# fronts there shall be at least four establishments;
- (4) the provisions of this paragraph (c) shall not apply along the southerly #street line# of Surf Avenue east of West 10th Street.

There may be fewer establishments fronting upon such #block# fronts than required pursuant to this paragraph (c), where the Chairperson of the Department of City Planning certifies to the Department of Buildings that such modification is necessary to accommodate an amusement #use# listed in Use Group A1.

(d) Stillwell Avenue and West 10th Street

At least 15 percent of the Stillwell Avenue and West 10th Street #street# frontage of any #zoning lot# shall be occupied by open #uses# listed in Use Group A1 or, if enclosed, by Use Group A1 #uses# at the ground floor level.

(e) #Transient hotels#

- (1) #Transient hotels# shall be permitted only on #blocks# with Surf Avenue frontage, except that no #transient hotels# shall be permitted on that portion of the #block# bounded by West 15th and West 16th Streets south of the prolongation of the centerline of Bowery.
- (2) #Transient hotel# #use# shall not be permitted within 50 feet of Bowery on the ground floor level of a #building#, except that where a #zoning lot# has frontage only on Bowery, a #transient hotel# lobby may occupy up to 30 feet of such frontage.
- (3) For #transient hotels# located on #zoning lots# with at least 20,000 square feet of #lot area#, an amount of #floor area# or #lot area# of Use Group A1 #uses# equal to at least 20 percent of the total #floor area# permitted on such #zoning lot# shall be provided either onsite or anywhere within the Coney East Subdistrict.
- (4) The #street wall# of the ground floor level of a #transient hotel# shall be occupied by active #accessory# #uses# including, but not limited to, lobbies, retail establishments, eating and drinking establishments and amusements.
- (5) #Accessory# retail establishments within a #transient hotel# shall be limited to 2,500 square feet of #floor area#.

(f) Depth of ground floor #uses#

All ground floor #uses# within #buildings# shall have a depth of at least 15 feet measured from the #street wall# of a #building#, located on #streets#, or portions of #streets#, shown on Map 2. However, such minimum depth requirement may be reduced where necessary in order to accommodate vertical circulation cores or structural columns associated with upper #stories# of the #building#.

(g) Parcel 2

On Parcel 2, as shown on Map 2, only #uses# listed in Use Group A, and #public parking garages# of any size, shall be permitted, provided such garages comply with the provisions of Section 131-52 (Use and Location of Parking Facilities).

(h) Parcel 3

On Parcel 3, as shown on Map 2, the provisions of the underlying C7 District shall apply, except as modified in this paragraph, (h). Only open amusement #uses# listed in Use Groups 13A and 15, as set forth in Sections 32-22 and 32-24, respectively, shall be permitted.

131-132 - Coney North and Coney West Subdistricts

LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

In the Coney North and Coney West Subdistricts, #uses# allowed by the underlying district regulations shall apply, except as modified in this Section for #uses# fronting upon #streets# specified on Map 2 (Mandatory Ground Floor Use Requirements) in the Appendix to this Chapter. For the purposes of this Section, the “building line” shown on Parcel F on Map 2 shall be considered a #street line# of Ocean Way or Parachute Way, as applicable. Furthermore, an open or enclosed ice skating rink shall be a permitted #use# anywhere within Parcel F in the Coney West Subdistrict.

(a) Mandatory ground floor level #uses# along certain #streets#

Any #use# listed in Use Groups A, B and C, as set forth in Section 131-12, inclusive, not otherwise allowed by the underlying district regulations, shall be permitted within 70 feet of Riegelmann Boardwalk and within 100 feet of all other designated #streets#, as shown on Map 2.

(1) Riegelmann Boardwalk

Only #uses# listed in Use Groups A, B and C and #transient hotels# located above the ground floor level are permitted within 70 feet of Riegelmann Boardwalk, except that a #transient hotel# lobby may occupy up to 30 feet of such ground floor frontage along Riegelmann Boardwalk. Use Group C #uses# shall be limited to 2,500 square feet of #floor area# and 30 feet of #street# frontage for each establishment. All other establishments shall be limited to 60 feet of #street# frontage, except that for any establishment on a corner, one #street# frontage may extend up to 100 feet. All ground floor #uses# within #buildings# shall have a depth of at least 15 feet measured from the #street wall# of the #building#. However, such minimum depth requirement may be reduced where necessary in order to accommodate vertical circulation cores or structural columns associated with upper #stories# of the #building#.

(2) #Streets# other than Riegelmann Boardwalk

At least 20 percent of the frontage of a #building# or of an open #use#, on a #street# specified on Map 2, shall be allocated exclusively to #uses# listed in Use Groups A, B or C. The remaining frontage of such #building# or open #use#, on a specified #street#, shall be allocated to #commercial# #uses# permitted by the underlying district regulations or, where permitted, a #transient hotel#. In addition, a #residential# lobby may occupy up to 40 feet of frontage along a specified #street# frontage.

There shall be at least four separate ground floor or open #commercial# establishments fronting upon each #block# fronting on Surf Avenue.

All ground floor #commercial# #uses# within #buildings# shall have a depth of at least 50 feet measured from the #street wall# of the #building#. Such minimum 50 foot depth requirement may be reduced where necessary in order to accommodate a #residential# lobby, vertical circulation cores or structural columns associated with upper #stories# of the #building#.

(b) Prohibited ground floor level #uses# along #streets# other than Riegelmann Boardwalk

No #use# listed in this paragraph, (b), shall be permitted within 50 feet of a #street# specified on Map 2. Lobbies or entryways to non-ground floor level #uses# are permitted, provided the length of #street# frontage occupied by such lobbies or entryways does not exceed, in total, 60 feet.

From Use Group 2:

All #uses#

From Use Groups 3A and 3B:

All #uses#, except for libraries, museums or non-commercial art galleries

From Use Groups 4A and 4B:

All #uses#, except for houses of worship or playgrounds

From Use Group 5A:

All #uses#, except that #transient hotels# shall be permitted within 200 feet of Surf Avenue between Stillwell Avenue and West 16th Street

From Use Groups 6B, and 6E:

Offices, veterinary medicine offices or non-commercial clubs

From Use Group 6C:

Banks (except for automated teller machines, provided the length of #street# frontage allocated for automated teller machines shall be no more than 25 feet or 40 percent of the frontage of the #zoning lot#, whichever is less, except such frontage need not be less than 20 feet), except that this prohibition shall not apply along Stillwell Avenue

Electrolysis studios, frozen food lockers and loan offices

From Use Group 6D:

All #uses#

From Use Group 7:

All #uses#, except for bicycle rental or repair shops

From Use Groups 8A and 8B:

Automobile driving schools, ice vending machines, lumber stores or pawn shops

From Use Groups 8C, 8D and 8E:

All #uses#

From Use Groups 9A, 9B and 9C:

All #uses#, except for gymnasiums, public auction rooms, photographic developing or printing establishments for the consumer, or art, music, dancing or theatrical studios

From Use Groups 10A, 10B and 10C:

Depositories for storage, and wholesale offices or showrooms

Use Group 11:

All #uses#

Use Groups 12A and 12B:

Trade expositions

Use Groups 12C and 12D:

All #uses#

Use Group 14A and 14B:

All #uses#, except for bicycle sales, rental or repair shops.

131-14 - Location of Uses Within Buildings

LAST AMENDED

7/29/2009

The provisions of Section 32-42 are modified to permit:

- (a) #residential uses# on the same #story# as a #commercial# #use# or directly below a #commercial# #use#, provided no access exists between such #uses# at any level containing #residences#, and separate elevators and entrances from the #street# are provided; and
- (b) in the Coney North and Coney West Subdistricts, any #commercial# #use# permitted by this Chapter shall be permitted on the second #story# of a #mixed building#. Furthermore, a #public parking garage# may occupy any #story# of a #mixed building# provided such garage complies with the provisions of Section 131-52 (Use and Location of Parking Facilities).

131-15 - Transparency

LAST AMENDED

7/29/2009

Each ground floor level #street wall# of a #commercial# or #community facility use# other than a #use# listed in Use Group A, as set forth in Section 131-121, shall be glazed in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-34 (Minimum Transparency Requirements).

However, in the Coney East Subdistrict and along Riegelmann Boardwalk and boundary of KeySpan Park in the Coney West Subdistrict, in lieu of the transparency requirements of this Section, at least 50 percent of the area of the ground floor level #street wall# of a #commercial# #use#, measured to a height of 12 feet above the level of the adjoining sidewalk, public access area or #base plane#, whichever is higher, may be designed to be at least 50 percent open during seasonal business hours.

131-16 - Authorization for Use Modifications

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

Along #streets# specified on Map 2 (Mandatory Ground Floor Use Requirements) in the Appendix to this Chapter, other than Riegelmann Boardwalk, the City Planning Commission may authorize establishments containing Use Group A, B or C #uses# within #buildings# with a ground floor depth of less than 50 feet upon a finding that the design and operation of such establishments result in an effective and compelling amusement, entertainment or retail space that furthers the goals of the Special District.

131-20 - SIGN REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED

7/29/2009

- (a) In the Coney East Subdistrict, the underlying C7 #sign# regulations shall apply, except that:
 - (1) no #advertising signs# shall be permitted above a height of 40 feet; and
 - (2) the provisions of Sections 32-66 (Additional Regulations for Signs Near Certain Parks and Designated Arterial Highways), inclusive, and 32-67 (Special Provisions Applying Along District Boundaries) shall not apply.
- (b) In the Coney North and Coney West Subdistricts, the underlying C2-4 District #sign# regulations shall apply, except that the height restrictions of Section 32-655 shall be modified to allow permitted #signs# at the level of any #story# occupied by a #commercial# #use#.

131-30 - FLOOR AREA, LOT COVERAGE AND YARD REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

The #floor area ratio# regulations of the underlying districts shall be modified as set forth in this Section, inclusive.

131-31 - Coney East Subdistrict

- (a) Except on Parcel 3, as shown on Map 3 (Coney East Subdistrict Floor Area Ratios) in the Appendix to this Chapter, the maximum #floor area ratio# of the underlying C7 District shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the maximum #floor area ratio# is specified for each #block#, or portion thereof, as shown on Map 3. On Parcel 2, as shown on Map 3, the maximum #floor area ratio# for a #public parking garage# shall be 4.0.

On Parcel 3, the maximum #floor area ratio# of the underlying C7 District shall apply. Furthermore, #floor area# attributable to Parcel 3 shall be used exclusively within Parcel 3.

- (b) In the Coney East Subdistrict, no #rear yards# shall be required.

131-32 - Coney West, Coney North and Mermaid Avenue Subdistricts

131-321 - Special floor area regulations for residential uses

R7A R7D R7X

- (a) Applicability of Inclusionary Housing Program

R7A, R7D and R7X Districts within the #Special Coney Island District# shall be #Inclusionary Housing designated areas#, 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#

The base #floor area ratio# for any #zoning lot# containing #residences# shall be as set forth in the table in this Section. Such base #floor area ratio# may be increased to the maximum #floor area ratio# set forth in the table through the provision of #affordable housing#, pursuant to the provisions for #Inclusionary Housing designated areas#, as set forth in Section 23-90 (INCLUSIONARY HOUSING), inclusive. Parcels A through F within R7D Districts are shown on Map 1 (Special Coney Island District and Subdistricts).

FLOOR AREA RATIO FOR BUILDINGS CONTAINING RESIDENCES

Subdistrict/Parcels	Zoning District	Base #floor area ratio#	Maximum #floor area ratio#
Coney West Parcels: A, B, C, D	R7D	4.35	5.8
Coney West Parcels: E, F	R7D	4.12	5.5
Coney North	R7X	3.75	5.0
Mermaid Avenue	R7A	3.45	4.6

- (c) Coney West #floor area# distribution

In the Coney West Subdistrict, #floor area# attributable to #zoning lots# within the following sets of parcels, as shown on Map 1 in the Appendix to this Chapter, may be distributed anywhere within such sets of parcels:

Parcels A and B

Parcels C and D

Parcels E and F.

In addition, #floor area# attributable to #block# 7071, lot 130, within Parcel B may be distributed anywhere within Parcels C or D.

(d) Height and setback

For all #zoning lots#, or portions thereof, located in the Coney West or Coney North Subdistricts, the height and setback regulations of Section 23-664 (Modified height and setback regulations for certain Inclusionary Housing buildings or affordable independent residences for seniors) shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the height and setback regulations of this Chapter shall apply.

131-322 - Special floor area regulations for community facility uses

LAST AMENDED
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In the Coney West and Coney North Subdistricts, the maximum permitted #floor area ratio# for #community facility uses# shall be 2.0.

131-323 - Special floor area ratio regulations for hotel uses

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In the Coney North Subdistrict, for #transient hotels# located within 200 feet of Surf Avenue between Stillwell Avenue and West 16th Street, the maximum permitted #floor area ratio# shall be 3.75.

131-324 - Lot coverage

LAST AMENDED
10/10/2013

In the #Special Coney Island District#, the level of any #building# containing #accessory# parking spaces or non-#residential uses# shall be exempt from #lot coverage# regulations.

131-40 - HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS

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7/29/2009

The underlying height and setback regulations shall not apply. In lieu thereof, the height and setback regulations of this Section shall apply. The height of all #buildings or other structures# shall be measured from the #base plane#.

131-41 - Rooftop Regulations

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2012

The provisions of Section 33-42 (Permitted Obstructions) shall apply to all #buildings# within the #Special Coney Island District#, 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) only in the Mermaid Avenue Subdistrict.

131-42 - Coney East Subdistrict

LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

The regulations of this Section, inclusive, shall apply to all #buildings or other structures# in the Coney East Subdistrict. #Street wall# location rules and maximum base height rules shall apply only to #buildings#. Maximum heights shall apply to all #buildings or other structures#.

For the purposes of applying the height and setback regulations of this Section, Jones Walk shall not be considered a #street#. Maps 4 (Street Wall Location) and 5 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights) in the Appendix to this Chapter, illustrate the #street wall# location provisions and minimum and maximum base height provisions of this Section.

A #building or other structure# that exceeds a height limit shall be permitted where the Chairperson of the Department of City Planning certifies to the Department of Buildings that such additional height is necessary to accommodate an amusement #use# listed in Use Group A1.

131-421 - Coney East Subdistrict, south side of Surf Avenue

The following regulations shall apply along the south side of Surf Avenue and along those portions of #streets# intersecting Surf Avenue located north of a line drawn 50 feet north of and parallel to the northern #street line# of Bowery and its westerly prolongation.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# of a #building# shall be located within five feet of the #street line# and extend along the entire frontage of the #zoning lot#, except that:

- (1) a sidewalk widening shall be required at the intersection of Surf Avenue and West 10th Street, extending from a point on the Surf Avenue #street line# 125 feet west of West 10th Street to a point on the West 10th Street #street line# 20 feet south of Surf Avenue. Such area shall be improved as a sidewalk to Department of Transportation standards, be at the same level as the adjoining sidewalks, and be accessible to the public at all times. Such sidewalk widening line shall be considered a #street line# for the purposes of applying the #use# and height and setback regulations of this Chapter;
- (2) to allow for corner articulation, the #street wall# may be located anywhere within an area bounded by intersecting #street lines# and lines 15 feet from and parallel to such #street lines# ; and
- (3) to allow for portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building# base below a tower may be set back 10 feet from the #street line#, provided the width of such setback area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower, and provided such setback area complies with the provisions of Section 131-47 (Design Requirements for Ground Level Setbacks).

(b) #Building# base

- (1) Surf Avenue, west of West 12th Street

West of West 12th Street, the #street wall# of a #building# shall rise without setback to a minimum base height of 35 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum base height of 45 feet. If a tower is provided, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (d) of this Section, the maximum base height shall be 65 feet. At a height no lower than the minimum base height and no higher than the maximum base height, a setback shall be required, pursuant to the provisions set forth in paragraph (c) of this Section.

Any portion of a #street wall# which exceeds a height of 60 feet shall be located within 150 feet of the intersection of two #street lines# and shall coincide with the location of a tower. Towers shall comply with the location requirements of paragraph (d) of this Section.

- (2) Surf Avenue, east of West 12th Street

East of West 12th Street, the #street wall# of a #building# shall rise without setback to a minimum base height of 35 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum base height of 45 feet. At a height no lower than the minimum base height and no higher than the maximum base height, a setback is required that shall comply with the provisions set forth in paragraph (d) of this Section.

For the base of any #building# located on the south side of Surf Avenue, above the level of the second #story#, up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed, provided no recesses are located within 15 feet of an adjacent #building# or within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, except where corner articulation is provided as set forth in paragraph (a)(3) of this Section.

(c) Transition height

All portions of a #building# that exceed the applicable maximum base height specified in paragraph (b) of this Section shall be set back from the #street line# at least 20 feet except that, where towers are provided, the minimum setback depth from the #street line# shall be 10 feet.

- (1) West of West 12th Street

All portions of a #building# that exceed the maximum base height set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this Section shall comply with the tower provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section.

- (2) East of West 12th Street

The maximum transition height shall be 65 feet, and all portions of #buildings# that exceed such height shall comply with the tower provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section, except that within 100 feet of Jones Walk on the easterly side, the maximum #building# height after the required setbacks shall be 85 feet.

- (3) Special Regulations for Use Group A

The transition height regulations of paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this Section shall not apply to #buildings# that rise to a maximum height of 85 feet to accommodate a Use Group A #use# or to #buildings# where the Chairperson of the Department of City Planning certifies to the Department of Buildings that additional height is necessary to accommodate an amusement #use# listed in Use Group A1.

(d) Towers

All #stories# of a #building# located partially or wholly above a height of 65 feet shall be considered a “tower” and shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d).

(1) Maximum floorplate

Each #story# of a tower shall not exceed a gross area of 8,500 square feet.

(2) Maximum length and height

The outermost walls of all tower #stories# shall be inscribed within a rectangle, and no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 165 feet.

The maximum height of a #building# located between West 12th Street and Jones Walk shall be 150 feet between West 12th Street and Jones Walk. The maximum height of a #building# located between West 12th Street and West 16th Street on #zoning lots# with less than 50,000 square feet of #lot area# shall be 220 feet; on #zoning lots# with 50,000 square feet or more of #lot area#, the maximum height of a #building# shall be 270 feet. All towers that exceed a height of 150 feet shall provide articulation in accordance with Section 131-46.

(3) Tower location

All towers shall be located within 25 feet of Surf Avenue and entirely within 100 feet of an intersecting #street#.

131-422 - Coney East Subdistrict, north side of Surf Avenue

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7/29/2009

Any #building# or other structure# fronting upon the north side of Surf Avenue shall not exceed a height of 85 feet. Furthermore, in order to protect the view from the elevated subway to the Coney East Subdistrict, no portion of such #building# or other structure#, including permitted obstructions or #signs#, shall be located between a height of five feet below the upper level of the elevated subway tracks and a level 25 feet above such level, except for a vertical circulation core, supporting structural elements and related appurtenances. In no event shall more than 30 percent of the Surf Avenue frontage of the #zoning lot# be obstructed with such elements.

131-423 - Along all other streets

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The following regulations shall apply along Wonder Wheel Way, Bowery, and all other #streets#, and portions thereof, located south of a line drawn 50 feet north of and parallel to the northern #street# line of Bowery and its westerly prolongation.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# of the #building#, or portion thereof, shall be located within five feet of the #street line#;

(b) Maximum height

The #street wall# of a #building#, or portion thereof, shall rise to a minimum height of 20 feet and a maximum height of 40 feet before setback. The maximum height of a #building# or other structure# shall be 60 feet, provided any portion of a #building# that exceeds a height of 40 feet shall be set back from the #street wall# of the #building# at least 20 feet.

West of West 12th Street, along the northern #street line# of Bowery, the maximum #building# height shall be 40 feet. If a tower is provided along the Surf Avenue portion of the #block#, 40 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may rise above the maximum #street wall# height of 40 feet, provided that such portion is located within 150 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#. However, where the portion of the #block# that fronts on Surf Avenue is #developed# or #enlarged# pursuant to the special regulations for Use Group A in paragraph (c)(3) of Section 131-421 (Coney East Subdistrict, south side of Surf Avenue), the #street wall# may rise after a setback of 20 feet to a maximum height of 60 feet for the entire length of the Bowery #street line#, or may extend beyond the 40 percent of the #aggregate width of street wall# for the length of the #street wall# of such Use Group A #development# or #enlargement# which fronts along Surf Avenue, whichever is less.

131-43 - Coney West Subdistrict

LAST AMENDED
7/29/2009

The regulations of this Section shall apply to all #buildings or other structures# in the Coney West Subdistrict. Map 4 (Street Wall Location), Map 5 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights) and Map 6 (Coney West Subdistrict Transition Heights), in the Appendix to this Chapter, illustrate the #street wall# location provisions, minimum and maximum base height provisions and transition height provisions of this Section, inclusive. For the purposes of this Section, the “building line” shown on Parcel F shall be considered a #street line# of Ocean Way or Parachute Way, as indicated on such maps.

131-431 - Coney West District, Surf Avenue

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5/12/2021

The regulations of this Section shall apply along Surf Avenue. The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section shall also apply along #streets# intersecting Surf Avenue within 50 feet of Surf Avenue, and the #building# base regulations of paragraph (b) of this Section shall also apply along #streets# within 100 feet of Surf Avenue.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# of a #building# base shall be located on the Surf Avenue #street line# and extend along the entire Surf Avenue frontage of the #zoning lot#, except that:

- (1) to allow for corner articulation, the #street wall# may be located anywhere within an area bounded by intersecting #street lines# and lines 15 feet from and parallel to such #street lines# ; and
- (2) to allow for portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building# base below a tower may be set back 10 feet from a #street line#, provided the width of such setback area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower and provided such setback area complies with the provisions of Section 131-47 (Design Requirements for Ground Level Setbacks).

(b) #Building# base

A #street wall# fronting on Surf Avenue shall rise without setback to a minimum height of six #stories# or 65 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum height of eight #stories# or 85 feet, whichever is less, before a setback is required. However, on the #block# front bounded by West 21st Street and West 22nd Street, the minimum height of a #street wall# shall be 40 feet and the maximum height of a #street wall# shall be six #stories# or 65 feet, whichever is less, before a setback is required.

Above the level of the second #story#, up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed, provided no recesses are located within 15 feet of an adjacent #building# or within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, except where corner articulation is provided as set forth in paragraph (a)(2) of this Section.

All portions of a #building or other structure# that exceed the maximum heights set forth in this paragraph, (b), shall be set back from the #street line# at least 10 feet.

(c) Transition height

Above the maximum base height, a #street wall# may rise to a maximum transition height of nine #stories# or 95 feet, whichever is less, provided that such #street walls# are set back a minimum distance of 10 feet from the Surf Avenue #street line#. All portions of #buildings or other structures# that exceed a transition height of 95 feet shall comply with the tower provisions of Section 131-434 (Coney West Subdistrict towers).

131-432 - Along all other streets, other than Riegelmann Boardwalk

LAST AMENDED
5/12/2021

The following regulations shall apply along all other #streets# in the Coney West Subdistrict, except within 70 feet of Riegelmann Boardwalk.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# of a #building# base, or portion thereof, beyond 50 feet of Surf Avenue, shall be located within eight feet of the #street line# except that, to allow portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building# base below a tower may be set back 10 feet from the #street line#, provided the width of such setback area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower.

The entire area of the #zoning lot# between the #street line# 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.

(b) #Building# base

The #street wall# of a #building# base, or portion thereof, located beyond 100 feet of Surf Avenue, shall rise without setback to a minimum height of 40 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum height of six #stories# or 65 feet, whichever is less. Up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed for #outer courts# or balconies, provided no recesses are located within 15 feet of an adjacent #building# or within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, and provided the maximum depth of such recesses is 15 feet, as measured from the #street line#. All portions of a #building# or other structure# that exceed a height of 65 feet shall be set back from the #street wall# at least 10 feet, except such setback distance may include the depth of any permitted recesses.

(c) Transition heights

Beyond 100 feet of Surf Avenue, a #street wall# may rise to a maximum transition height of nine #stories# or 95 feet, whichever is less, provided that:

- (1) above the maximum base height, #street walls# are set back a minimum distance of 10 feet from the #street line#, except that for #blocks# north of the Ocean Way #street line#, along a minimum of one #street line# bounding the #block# (except for Surf Avenue), at least 40 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# shall remain open to the sky for a minimum depth of 100 feet from the #street line# ;
- (2) for #blocks# bounding the southern #street line# of Ocean Way, any portion of a #building# or other structure# that exceeds a height of six #stories# or 65 feet, whichever is less, shall be located within 80 or 100 feet of a #street line#, as indicated on Map 6 in the Appendix to this Chapter;
- (3) for portions of #buildings# higher than six #stories# or 65 feet that are within 100 feet of Riegelmann Boardwalk, each #story# within such portion shall provide a setback with a depth of at least 10 feet, measured from the south-facing wall of the #story# directly below.

A #building# or other structure# may exceed such transition heights only in accordance with the tower provisions of Section 131-434.

131-433 - Riegelmann Boardwalk and building line of Parcel F

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2/2/2011

A #street wall# shall be located on Riegelmann Boardwalk #street line# and extend along the entire Riegelmann Boardwalk frontage of the #zoning lot# to a minimum height of 20 feet, as shown on Map 5 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights). Any #building# or other structure# within 70 feet of Riegelmann Boardwalk shall not exceed a height of 40 feet above the level of Riegelmann Boardwalk.

In addition, on Parcel F, a #street wall# shall be located on the Parachute Way building line and the portion of the Ocean Way building line that is within 100 feet of the Parachute Way building line, as shown on Map 4 (Street Wall Location). Such #street walls# shall extend along such entire frontages of Parcel F to a minimum height of 20 feet.

131-434 - Coney West Subdistrict towers

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2/2/2011

All #stories# of a #building# or portions of other structures located partially or wholly above an applicable transition height shall be considered a “tower” and shall comply with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Maximum floorplate

Each #story# of a tower shall not exceed a gross area of 8,500 square feet.

(b) Maximum length and height

On #blocks# bounding Surf Avenue, the maximum height of a #building# or other structure# shall be 220 feet, and on #blocks# bounding the southerly #street line# of Ocean Way, the maximum height of a #building# or other structure# shall be 170 feet. Furthermore, the outermost walls of all tower #stories# shall be inscribed within a rectangle, and no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 165 feet.

Where #affordable housing# is provided pursuant to Section 131-321 (Special floor area regulations for residential uses), the maximum height of a #building# shall be increased to 270 feet, provided either:

- (1) the outermost wall of all tower #stories# are inscribed within a rectangle where no side of such rectangle exceeds a length of 100 feet; or
- (2) the outermost wall of all tower #stories# below a height of 120 feet are inscribed within a rectangle where no side of such rectangle exceeds a length of 130 feet and, above such height, no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 100 feet. In addition, above a height of 120 feet, the maximum floor plate shall be 80 percent of the #story# immediately below such height, or 6,800 square feet, whichever is greater. 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 five feet and

a width that, individually or in the aggregate, is equal to at least 10 percent of the width of each respective tower face.

All #buildings# that exceed a height of 170 feet shall provide articulation in accordance with Section 131-46 (Tower Top Articulation).

(c) Tower location

All towers shall be located entirely within 100 feet of Parachute Way, West 20th Street, West 21st Street or West 22nd Street and within 25 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#. When a #zoning lot# fronting upon Surf Avenue contains a tower, such tower shall be located within 25 feet of Surf Avenue. No more than one tower shall be permitted on any #zoning lot#, except that where #affordable housing# is provided pursuant to Sections 23-90 and 131-321, no more than two towers shall be permitted on any #zoning lot#, and the second tower shall be located within 25 feet of Ocean Way. However, Parcel E may include two towers and, where #affordable housing# is provided pursuant to Section 131-321, a third tower shall be permitted to be located anywhere on such parcel along Parachute Way.

131-44 - Coney North Subdistrict

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2/2/2011

The regulations of this Section shall apply to all #buildings# or other structures# in the Coney North Subdistrict. Maps 4 (Street Wall Location) and 5 (Minimum and Maximum Base Heights), in the Appendix to this Chapter, illustrate the #street wall# location provisions, minimum and maximum base height provisions and maximum #building# height provisions of this Section, inclusive.

131-441 - Coney North Subdistrict, Surf Avenue

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5/12/2021

The regulations of this Section shall apply along Surf Avenue. The #street wall# location provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section shall also apply along #streets# intersecting Surf Avenue within 50 feet of Surf Avenue, and the #building# base regulations of paragraph (b) of this Section shall also apply along #streets# within 100 feet of Surf Avenue.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# of a #building# base shall be located on the Surf Avenue #street line# and extend along the entire Surf Avenue frontage of the #zoning lot#, except that:

- (1) to allow for corner articulation, the #street wall# may be located anywhere within an area bounded by intersecting #street lines# and lines 15 feet from and parallel to such #street lines# ; and
- (2) to allow for portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building# base below a tower may be set back 10 feet from a #street line#, provided the width of such setback area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower and provided such setback area complies with the provisions of Section 131-47 (Design Requirements for Ground Level Setbacks).

(b) #Building# base

The #street wall# of a #building# base fronting on Surf Avenue shall rise without setback to a minimum height of six #stories# or 65 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum height of eight #stories# or 85 feet, whichever is less, before a setback is required. However, on the portion of the #block# bounded by Stillwell Avenue and West 15th Street, for #buildings# that exceed a height of 85 feet, all #street walls# of such #building# fronting on Surf Avenue shall rise without setback to a height of 85 feet.

Above the level of the second #story#, up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed, provided no recesses are located within 15 feet of an adjacent #building# or within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, except where corner articulation is provided, as set forth in paragraph (a)(2) of this Section.

All portions of a #building# or other structure# that exceed a height of 85 feet shall be set back from the #street line# at least 10 feet, and shall comply with the tower provisions of Section 131-444 (Coney North Towers).

(c) Transition height

Above the maximum base height, a #street wall# may rise to a maximum transition height of nine #stories# or 95 feet, whichever is less, provided that such #street walls# are set back a minimum distance of 10 feet from the Surf Avenue #street line#. All portions of #buildings# or other structures# that exceed a transition height of 95 feet shall comply with the tower provisions of Section 131-444 (Coney North Subdistrict towers).

131-442 - Along all other streets, other than Stillwell Avenue

The following regulations shall apply along all other #streets# in the Coney North Subdistrict, other than Stillwell Avenue.

(a) #Street wall# location

The #street wall# of a #building# base, or portion thereof, beyond 50 feet of Surf Avenue, shall be located within eight feet of the #street line# except that, to allow portions of towers to rise without setback from grade, a portion of a #building# base below a tower may be recessed 10 feet from the #street line#, provided the width of such recess area is not greater than 40 percent of the width of the #street wall# of the tower.

The entire area of the #zoning lot# between the #street line# 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.

(b) #Building# base

The #street wall# of a #building# base, or portion thereof, located beyond 100 feet of Surf Avenue, shall rise without setback to a minimum height of 40 feet, or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, and a maximum height of six #stories# or 65 feet, whichever is less. Up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed for #outer courts# or balconies, provided no recesses are located within 15 feet of an adjacent #building# or within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, and provided the maximum depth of such recesses is 15 feet, as measured from the #street line#.

All portions of a #building or other structure# that exceed a height of 65 feet shall be set back from the #street wall# of the #building# at least 10 feet, except such setback distance may include the depth of any permitted recesses.

(c) Transition height

In all portions of #blocks# located beyond 100 feet of Surf Avenue, a #street wall# may rise above the maximum base height to a maximum transition height of eight #stories# or 85 feet, whichever is less, provided that such #street walls# are set back a minimum distance of 10 feet from the #street line#. All portions of #buildings or other structures# that exceed a transition height of 85 feet shall comply with the tower provisions of Section 131-444 (Coney North Subdistrict towers).

131-443 - Mermaid and Stillwell Avenues

Within 100 feet of Mermaid Avenue and within 100 feet of Stillwell Avenue, except within 100 feet of Surf Avenue, all portions of a #building or other structure# shall comply with the height and setback regulations of a C2 District mapped within an R7A District, except that the #street wall# of a #building# shall be located on the #street line# and rise without setback to a minimum height of 40 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, except that:

- (a) to allow for corner articulation, the #street wall# may be located anywhere within an area bounded by intersecting #street lines# and lines 15 feet from and parallel to such #street lines# ; and
- (b) above the level of the second #story#, up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed, provided no recesses are located within 15 feet of an adjacent #building# or within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, except where corner articulation is provided as set forth in paragraph (b) of this Section.

131-444 - Coney North Subdistrict towers

All #stories# of a #building# or portions of other structures located partially or wholly above a height of 85 feet within 175 feet of Surf Avenue and above a height of 65 feet beyond 175 feet of Surf Avenue shall be considered a “tower” and shall comply with the provisions of this Section.

(a) Maximum floorplate

Each #story# of a tower shall not exceed a gross area of 8,500 square feet.

(b) Maximum length and height

On #blocks# bounding Surf Avenue, the maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be 220 feet and beyond 175 feet of Surf Avenue the

maximum height of a #building or other structure# shall be 170 feet. Furthermore, the outermost walls of all tower #stories# shall be inscribed within a rectangle and no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 165 feet.

Where #affordable housing# is provided pursuant to Section 131-321 (Special floor area regulations for residential uses), the maximum height of a #building# shall be increased to 270 feet, provided that either:

- (1) the outermost wall of all tower #stories# are inscribed within a rectangle, where no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 100 feet; or
- (2) the outermost wall of all tower #stories#, below a height of 120 feet, are inscribed within a rectangle, where no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 130 feet, and above such height, no side of such rectangle shall exceed a length of 100 feet. In addition, above a height of 120 feet, the maximum floorplate shall be 80 percent of the #story# immediately below such height or 6,800 square feet, whichever is greater. 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 five feet and a width that, individually or in the aggregate, is equal to at least 10 percent of the width of each respective tower face.

All #buildings# that exceed a height of 170 feet shall provide articulation in accordance with Section 131-46 (Tower Top Articulation).

(c) Tower location

Towers shall be located within 25 feet of Surf Avenue and entirely within 100 feet of an intersecting #street#. No more than one tower shall be permitted on any #zoning lot#, except that where #affordable housing# is provided pursuant to Sections 23-90 and 131-321, a second tower shall be permitted anywhere on the #zoning lot# where such tower is entirely beyond 175 feet of Surf Avenue and 10 feet from any other #street#. All towers shall be located at least 10 feet from a #side lot line#.

131-45 - Mermaid Avenue Subdistrict

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All portions of a #building or other structure# shall comply with the height and setback regulations of a C2 District mapped within an R7A District, except that on Mermaid Avenue, and on intersecting #streets# within 50 feet of Mermaid Avenue, the #street wall# of a #building# shall be located on the #street line# and rise without setback to a minimum base height of 40 feet or the height of the #building#, whichever is less, except that:

- (a) to allow for corner articulation, the #street wall# may be located anywhere within an area bounded by intersecting #street lines# and lines 15 feet from and parallel to such #street lines# ; and
- (b) above the level of the second #story#, up to 30 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls# may be recessed, provided no recesses are located within 15 feet of an adjacent #building# or within 30 feet of the intersection of two #street lines#, except where corner articulation is provided as set forth in paragraph (b) of this Section.

131-46 - Tower Top Articulation

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All #buildings# that exceed a height of 170 feet shall provide articulation in accordance with at least one of following provisions:

(a) Setbacks on each tower face

The highest three #stories#, or as many #stories# as are located entirely above a height of 170 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), 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) Three setbacks

Setbacks shall be provided at the level of three different #stories#, or as many #stories# as are located entirely above a height of 170 feet, whichever is less. Such setbacks shall be located on either the north-facing or south-facing side of the #building#, but not both. Such setbacks shall have a minimum depth of 15 feet measured, as applicable, from the north-facing or south-facing wall of the #story# immediately below. For towers with at least six #stories# located entirely above a height of 170 feet, the lowest level at which such setbacks may be provided is 170 feet, and the highest #story#, therefore, shall be located entirely within the northern or southern half of the tower, as applicable.

(c) Reverse setbacks

A minimum of 15 percent of the area of the plane surface of #street walls# enclosing #floor area# of the tower and a maximum of 50 percent of the area of the plane surface of the #street walls# enclosing #floor area# of the tower shall project at least 18 inches but not more than five feet from the remaining plane surface of the #street walls# enclosing any #floor area# of the tower. No projections, including balconies, shall be permitted from the lowest two #stories# of the tower.

131-47 - Design Requirements for Ground Level Setbacks

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2/2/2011

Wherever a #building# base below a tower is set back from the #street line#, and the #building# walls bounding such setback area are occupied by non-#residential uses#, such setback area shall comply with the provisions of this Section. Where two such setback areas adjoin one another at the intersection of two #streets#, the combined area of such spaces shall determine the applicability of such provisions.

(a) Minimum and maximum areas

No such setback area shall be less than 240 square feet nor greater than 1,000 square feet.

(b) Pavement

The setback area shall be paved with materials distinctive from the adjoining public sidewalk.

(c) Wall treatments

All ground floor level #building# walls bounding such setback area not otherwise subject to the transparency requirements of Section 131-15, shall comply with the provisions of either paragraphs (c)(1) or (c)(2) of this Section.

(1) If such #building# wall is a #street wall# wider than 10 feet, such #street wall# shall comply with the provisions of Section 131-15.

(2) All other #building# walls shall comply with one of the following provisions:

- (i) such #building# walls shall be glazed with transparent materials in accordance with the transparency provisions of Section 37-34 (Minimum Transparency Requirements), except that such transparency shall be measured from the level of the adjoining sidewalk, public access area or #base plane#, whichever is higher; or
- (ii) such #building# walls shall be articulated with artwork or landscaping to a height of at least 10 feet.

(d) #Building# entrances

A public entrance to a #building# shall front upon such setback area. No ramps shall be permitted within the setback area.

(e) Landscaping

A minimum of 20 percent of such setback area shall be planted with, at a minimum, evergreen ground cover or shrubs in planting beds, with a minimum of six inches in height and a maximum height of four feet. Such planting beds may not occupy more than 50 percent of the width of the setback area, as measured along the #street line#.

(f) Additional amenities

For setback areas of 500 square feet or more, there shall be the following additional amenities:

- (1) an additional public entrance to the #building# that fronts upon such setback area; and
- (2) a minimum of one linear foot of seating for every 20 square feet of setback area shall be provided. At least 40 percent of such seating shall be fixed, of which at least half shall have backs with a minimum height of 14 inches. All fixed seating shall have a minimum depth of 18 inches and a maximum depth of 24 inches, and a minimum seat height of 16 inches and a maximum seat height of 20 inches. At least 50 percent of required seating shall be moveable chairs.

131-48 - Street Trees

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7/29/2009

The provisions of Section 33-03 (Street Tree Planting in Commercial Districts) shall not apply in the Coney East Subdistrict.

131-49 - Authorization for Exterior Ramps

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5/12/2021

The City Planning Commission may authorize modifications of the #street wall# location provisions of this Chapter to allow exterior ramps for access from the public sidewalk to the lowest #story# above the #flood-resistant construction elevation#, as defined in Section 64-11 (Definitions), provided the Commission finds that the design of such ramps:

- (a) maximizes visibility of interior ground floor space within the #building# from the public sidewalk;
- (b) incorporates amenities such as seating and planting as the Commission may find appropriate; and
- (c) relates harmoniously with the design and materials of the adjacent #building# and the surrounding streetscape.

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

131-50 - OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED
7/29/2009

The special provisions of this Section shall apply to all off-street parking spaces and loading facilities within the #Special Coney Island District#.

131-51 - Amount of Required and Permitted Parking

LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

- (a) #Residential# and #community facility# parking

The underlying regulations shall apply, except that the number of #accessory# off-street parking spaces required pursuant to Section 36-33 (Requirements Where Group Parking Facilities Are Provided) shall be modified to require off-street parking spaces for at least 60 percent of #dwelling units# or #rooming units developed#, under single ownership or control, where group parking facilities are provided.

- (b) #Commercial# parking

The underlying regulations shall apply, except that:

- (1) For Use Group A #uses#

One off-street parking space shall be provided for every 2,000 square feet of #floor area# or #lot area# for open #uses#, except that for a water park, two off-street parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of #floor area# shall be provided.

- (2) For #transient hotels#

One off-street parking space shall be provided for every six guest rooms or suites.

- (c) Public parking facilities

In accordance with the provisions of Section 131-043 (Applicability of Article VII, Chapter 4), #public parking lots# shall not be permitted, and #public parking garages# of any size shall be permitted as-of-right, provided such garages comply with the provisions of Section 131-52 (Use and Location of Parking Facilities).

131-52 - Use and Location of Parking Facilities

LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

The following provisions shall apply to all parking facilities:

- (a) All #accessory# off-street parking spaces may be made available for public use. However, any such space shall be made available to the occupants of a #residence# to which it is #accessory# within 30 days after written request is made to the landlord. Furthermore, if #accessory# parking spaces and spaces within a #public parking garage# are provided on the same #zoning lot#, all such spaces may be provided within the same parking facility.
- (b) The off-site parking space provisions of Sections 36-42 and 36-43 shall not apply. In lieu thereof, all permitted or required off-street parking spaces may be

provided on a #zoning lot# other than the same #zoning lot# to which such spaces are #accessory#, provided that:

- (1) In the Coney East Subdistrict, such spaces are located anywhere within an area bounded on the east by Ocean Parkway, on the south by Riegelmann Boardwalk, on the west by West 27th Street and on the north by Coney Island Creek and the Belt Parkway, in accordance with all applicable underlying parking regulations.
- (2) In the Coney West Subdistrict, such parking spaces #accessory# to the following sets of parcels, as shown on Map 1 in the Appendix to this Chapter, shall be located anywhere on such sets of parcels:

Parcels A and B

Parcels C and D

Parcels E and F.

- (3) In the Coney North and Mermaid Avenue Subdistricts, such spaces shall be located anywhere on the same #block#.

(c) All off-street parking facilities shall be located within facilities that, except for entrances and exits, are:

- (1) entirely below the level of any #street# or #publicly accessible open area# upon which such facility, or portion thereof, fronts; or
- (2) wrapped by #floor area# or screened in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-35 (Parking Wrap and Screening Requirements). For the purpose of applying such provisions, Surf Avenue, Stillwell Avenue, Ocean Way, Parachute Way and Riegelmann Boardwalk shall be considered designated retail streets, and the wrapping provisions of paragraph (a) of Section 37-35 shall apply to such #street# frontages at all levels above grade. All such parking facilities shall be exempt from the definition of #floor area#.
- (d) Any 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. 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. Up to 25 percent of such roof area may be accessible solely from an adjacent #dwelling unit# and the remaining roof area shall be accessible for the recreational use of the occupants of the #building# in which it is located. Hard surfaced areas shall not cover more than 60 percent of such roof area.

131-53 - Curb Cuts

LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

No curb cuts shall be permitted on Surf Avenue, Wonder Wheel Way or Bowery except on a #zoning lot# with no frontage on any other #street#. The curb cut provisions of paragraph (c) of Section 36-58 shall apply.

131-60 - SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AUDITORIUMS

LAST AMENDED
12/19/2013

The special permit set forth in this Section is established to allow outdoor entertainment #uses# on a limited-term basis in a unique beachfront location within the #Special Coney Island District#. The development of such #uses# on a temporary basis pursuant to this special permit provides for the opportunity for a valuable public amenity to exist within an area that, while approved for future #residential development# pursuant to the #Special Coney Island District# plan, is currently underutilized and does not exhibit the characteristics of a well-developed #residential# neighborhood. Any special permit granted under this Section shall be subject to a term of years, in order to ensure that such #uses# are consistent with, and do not impede, the goal of long-term revitalization of the surrounding area, pursuant to the #Special Coney Island District# plan.

In the Coney West Subdistrict, for Parcels B and G, the City Planning Commission may approve, by special permit, open-air auditoriums with greater than 2,000 seats, for a term no greater than 10 years from the date a certificate of occupancy, including a temporary certificate of occupancy, has been issued, provided that the proposed auditorium meets the conditions of paragraph (a) and the findings of paragraph (b) of this Section, in addition to the #sign# provisions of paragraph (c) and parking provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section.

For any application for such special permit, the applicant shall provide plans to the Commission including, but not limited to, a site plan, signage plan, parking and loading plan, lighting plan and an operations plan (the "Proposed Plans").

- (a) The Commission may permit open-air auditoriums with a maximum of 5,100 seats, provided the Proposed Plans demonstrate that:
 - (1) at all times when Riegelmann Boardwalk is open to the public, all publicly accessible space, as shown on the Proposed Plans, will remain accessible to the public, except that access may be restricted as necessary during scheduled events, for the setup and takedown for such events, and in connection with maintenance activities. Any barriers erected for the purpose of restricting access or visibility during such events shall be completely removed at all other times;

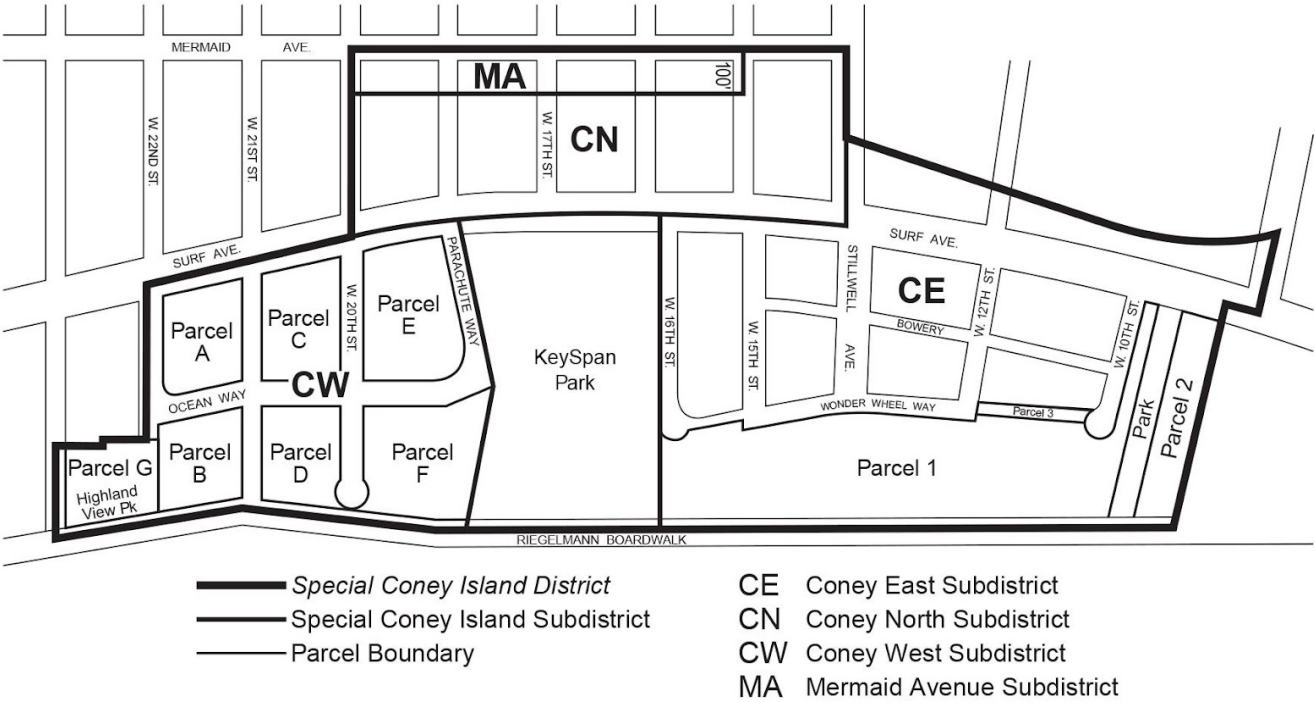
- (2) the height of all structures, temporary or fixed, does not exceed 70 feet in height, as measured from the level of Riegelmann Boardwalk;
 - (3) any roof or structural canopy above the open-air auditorium seating area will be removed prior to the month of November and shall remain removed during the entire off-season period between November through April, as well as in advance of severe weather events;
 - (4) the signage plan and parking and loading plan comply with the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Section, respectively; and
 - (5) the City and applicant will enter into an agreement under which Parcel G will be returned to the City as of the expiration of the term of the special permit in a condition set forth in such agreement appropriate for #use# as a #public park#.
- (b) In granting such permit, the Commission shall find that:
- (1) such open-air auditorium will not unduly impair the essential character or the future #use# or #development# of the surrounding area, pursuant to the goals and objectives of the #Special Coney Island District# plan;
 - (2) the outdoor lighting for such open-air auditorium is located and arranged so as to minimize any negative effects on nearby #residences# and #community facilities#, and that the Proposed Plans include noise attenuation features and measures which serve to reduce the effect of noise from the open-air auditorium on the surrounding area, including nearby #residences# and #community facilities# ;
 - (3) the construction of a stage as part of any #building# on Parcel B, for the purpose of accommodating an open-air auditorium #use#, will:
 - (i) enable the stage area to be closed to the outdoor portion of the open-air auditorium during the off-season when the open-air auditorium is not in use, so as to be operated for indoor entertainment #uses# with an eating and drinking establishment or other #use# permitted on Parcel B; and
 - (ii) allow for such #building# to be operated, subsequent to the expiration of the special permit, for #uses# permitted on Parcel B, such as eating or drinking establishments with entertainment;
 - (4) appropriate visual and pedestrian connections are maintained in the general area of the former street bed from the termination of West 22st Street to Riegelmann Boardwalk;
 - (5) the portions of the site not dedicated to the stage area or event seating are so designed to serve as a full time park-like resource for the public, and the portions of the site designed for open-air auditorium #use# serve as a high-quality open space resource when not in auditorium use;
 - (6) any roof or structural canopy above the open-air auditorium seating area will be visually unobtrusive, and maximize openness and visibility between the site and Riegelmann Boardwalk;
 - (7) the operations plan, which shall include a protocol for queuing for concertgoers, demonstrates that there would be no interference with the public use and enjoyment of adjacent public facilities; and
 - (8) the site plan, signage plan and lighting plan incorporate good design, effectively integrate the site with surrounding streets and Riegelmann Boardwalk, and are consistent with the purposes of the #Special Coney Island District#.
- (c) The Commission may, through approval of the Proposed Plans, permit #signs# notwithstanding the applicable #sign# regulations, except that #flashing signs# shall not be permitted and only #advertising signs# that are oriented toward the interior of the open-air auditorium and not visible from Riegelmann Boardwalk or other public area shall be permitted.
- In order to permit such #signs#, the Commission shall find that proposed signage is appropriate in connection with the permitted open-air auditorium #use#, is not unduly concentrated within one portion of the site, and will not negatively affect the surrounding area.
- (d) The Commission may, through approval of the Proposed Plans, reduce or waive required parking or loading requirements, provided the Commission finds that the open-air auditorium will be adequately served by a combination of surrounding public parking facilities and mass transit. In addition, the Commission shall find that the proposed loading facilities on the site are located so as not to adversely affect the movement of pedestrians or vehicles on the #streets# surrounding the auditorium.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area. Such conditions and safeguards may include, but are not limited to, restrictions on signage or requirements for soundproofing of auditoriums, shielding of floodlights or screening of open #uses#.

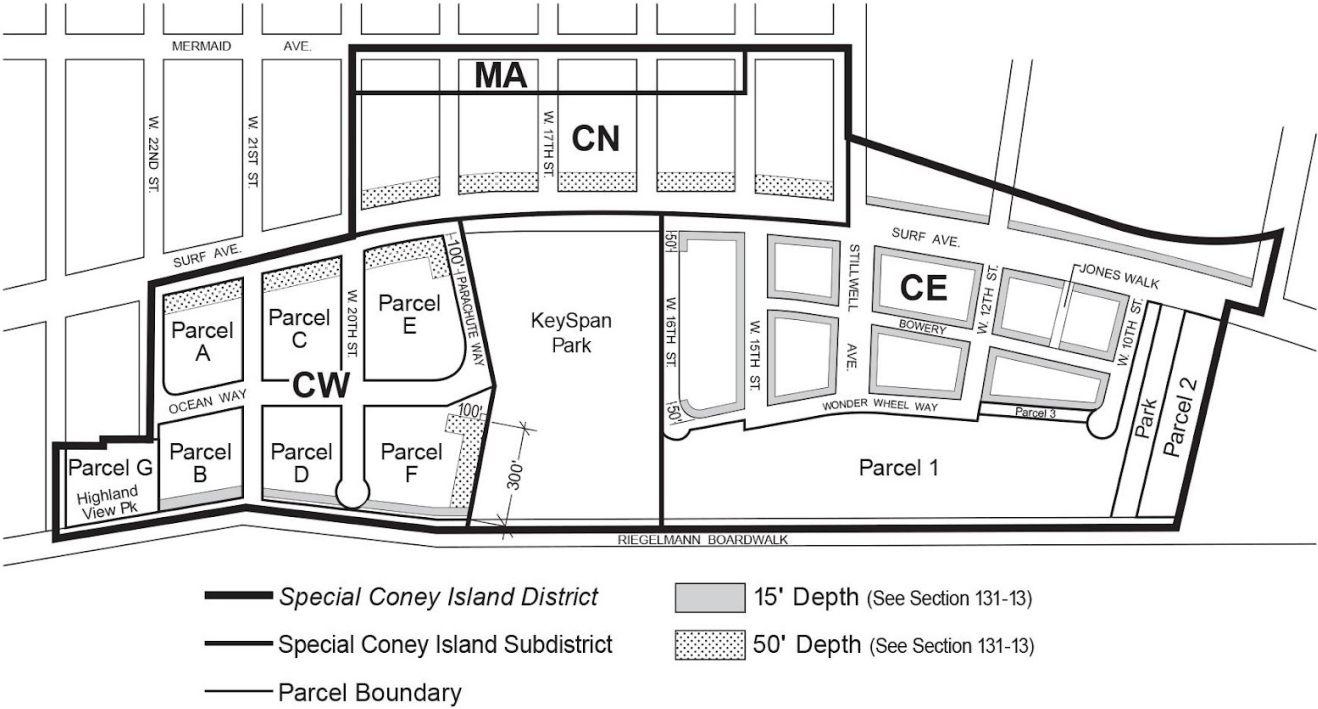
Upon the first issuance of this permit for an open-air auditorium, the effective period of the permit shall be 10 years from the date a certificate of occupancy, including a temporary certificate of occupancy, has been issued. To establish the term of years for subsequent applications for this special permit, the Commission shall, in determining whether the finding of paragraph (b)(1) of this Section is met, take into account the existing character of the surrounding area, as well as #residential# and #community facility development# proposed or under construction on surrounding #blocks#, and shall also consider whether continuation of such auditorium #use# within a proposed term of years would be compatible with or may hinder achievement of the goals and objectives of the #Special Coney Island District# plan. Subsequent applications for this special permit shall be filed no later than one year prior to expiration of the term of the permit then in effect.

Appendix A - Coney Island District Plan

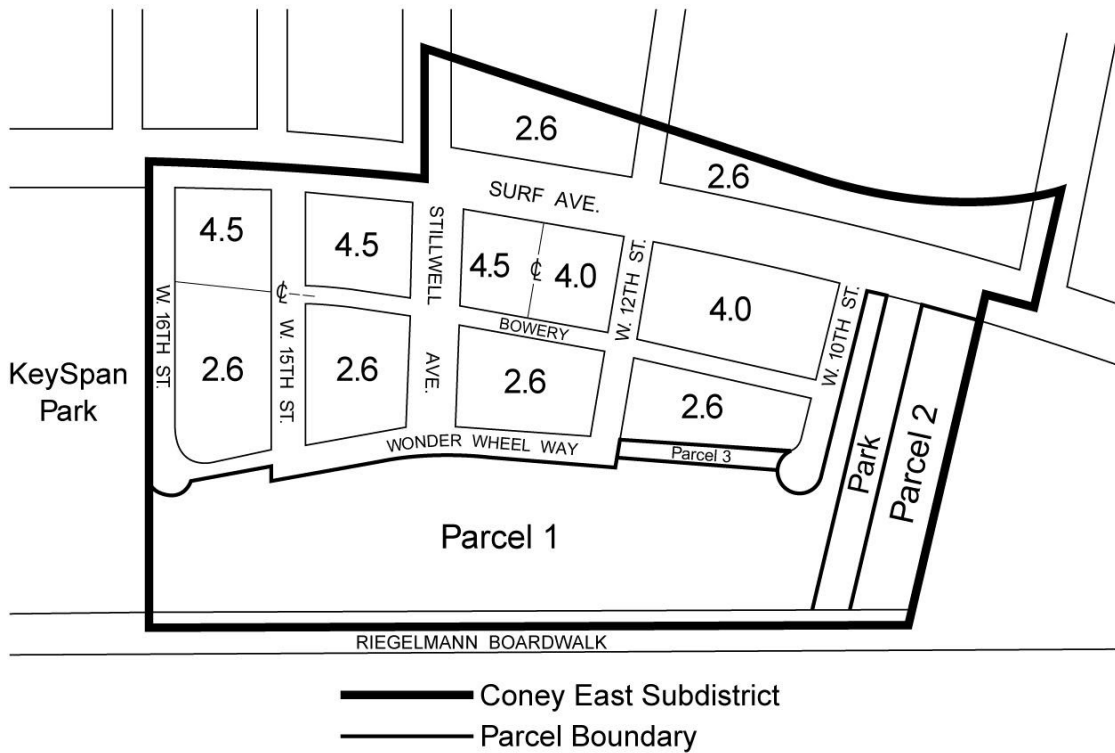
Map 1 - Special Coney Island District and Subdistricts



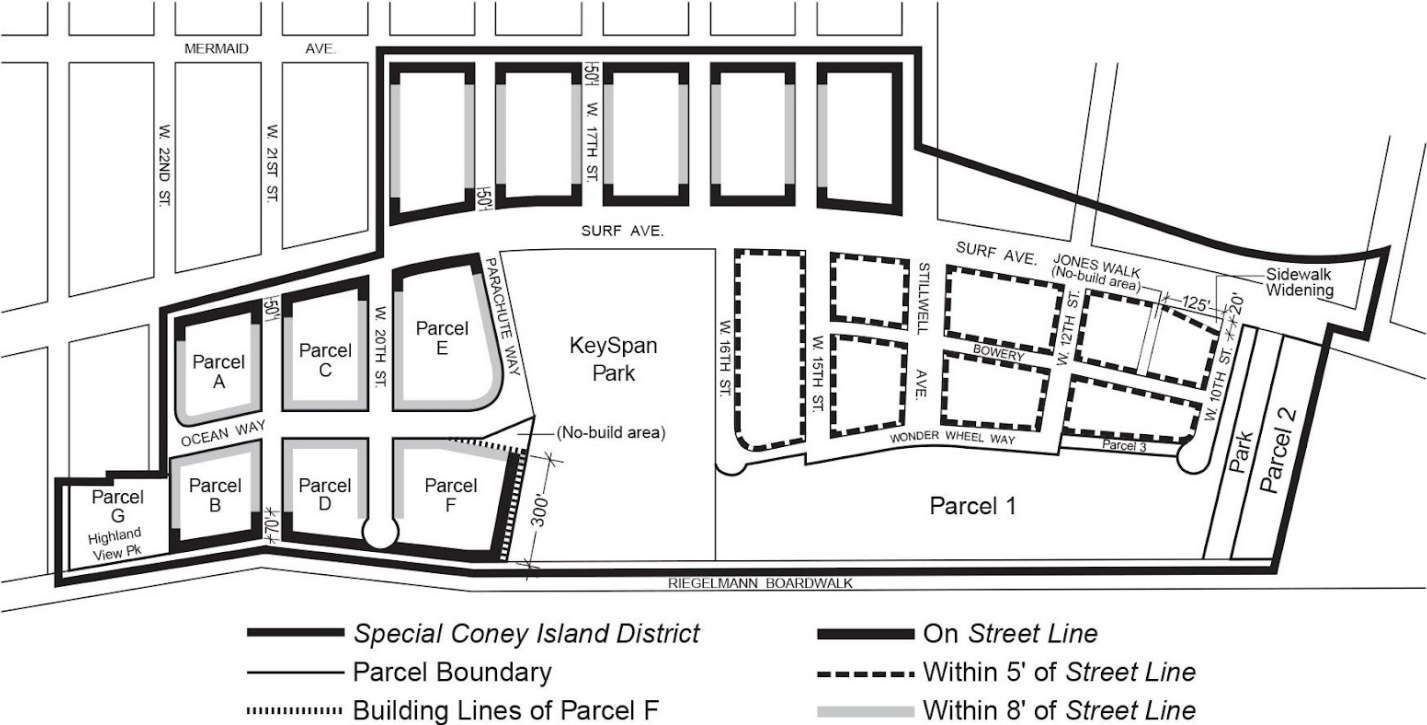
Map 2 - Mandatory Ground Floor Use Requirements



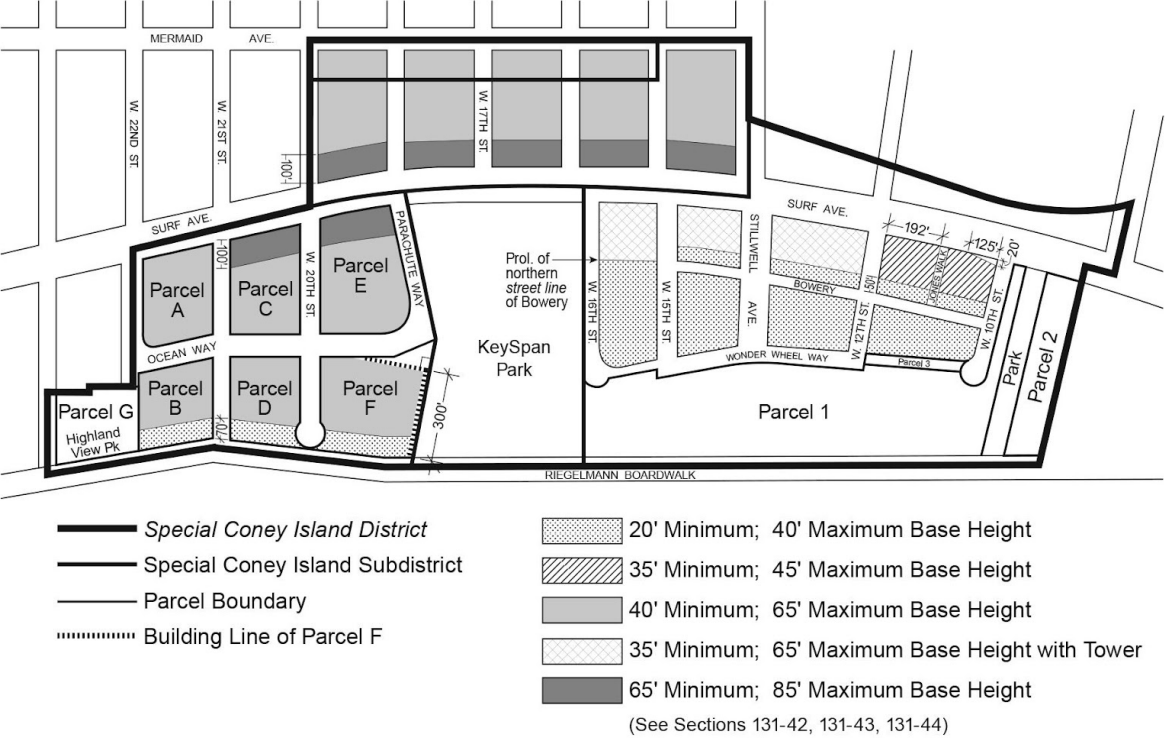
Map 3 - Coney East Subdistrict Floor Area Ratios



Map 4 - Street Wall Location



Map 5 - Minimum and Maximum Base Heights



Map 6 - Coney West Subdistrict Transition Heights

