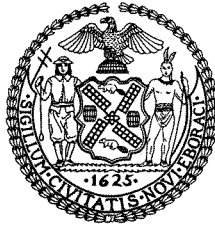


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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

July 23, 2013

Hon. Amanda M. Burden, Chair
The Department of City Planning
22 Reade Street
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RE: FLOOD RESILIENCE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT - N130331 ZRY

Dear Chair Burden:

At its Full Board meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 Community Board 8M passed the following resolution by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning is proposing a zoning text amendment to "enable flood-resistant building construction throughout designated flood zones."

WHEREAS, the executive order by NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg pertaining to emergency repair of properties damaged by Hurricane Sandy expires every five days.

WHEREAS, this zoning text amendment would be permanent and eliminate the need for the renewal of the executive order of the Mayor.

WHEREAS, this proposal is needed in order to remove regulatory barriers that would hinder or prevent the reconstruction of properties damaged by Hurricane Sandy and to enable new and existing buildings to comply with new, higher flood elevations issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and to the new requirements in the building code.

WHEREAS, the proposed Flood Resilience Zoning Text Amendment will address the following issues:

- Measuring building height with respect to the latest FEMA flood elevations
- Accommodating building access from grade
- Locating mechanical systems above flood levels.
- Accommodating off-street parking above grade.
- Accommodating flood zone restrictions on ground floor use.
- Improving streetscape.

WHEREAS, the zoning text amendment will cover the new FEMA flood zones

WHEREAS, this zoning text amendment is the first of a series of zoning text amendments and covers the existing facilities damaged by Hurricane Sandy and new construction in the new FEMA regulations.

THREEFROE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manhattan Community Board 8 supports this zoning text amendment to meet the FEMA regulations in the 100 year (1% annual chance) flood zone identified on the most recent FEMA flood maps, to all buildings that meet flood resistant construction standards, using the most recent FEMA elevations.

Kindly advise this office of your decision made concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Viest
Chair



Teri Slater and Elaine Walsh
Co-Chairs, Zoning and Development Committee

cc: Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 14th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Kruger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Micah Kellner, Assemblyman, 65th Assembly District
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Honorable Jessica Lappin, NYC Council Speaker, 5th Council District
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