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Article VI
Special Regulations Applicable to Certain Areas

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Chapter 3
Special Regulations Applying to FRESH Food Stores

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GENERAL PURPOSES

The provisions of this Chapter establish special regulations that guide the development of #FRESH food stores# to promote and protect public health, safety and general welfare. These general goals include, among others, the following purposes:

- (a) to encourage a healthy lifestyle by facilitating the development of #FRESH food stores# that sell a healthy selection of food products;
- (b) to provide greater incentives for #FRESH food stores# to locate in neighborhoods underserved by such establishments;
- (c) to encourage #FRESH food stores# to locate in locations that are easily accessible to nearby residents; and
- (d) to strengthen the economic base of the City, to conserve the value of land and buildings, and to protect the City's tax revenues.

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Definitions

FRESH food store

A "FRESH food store" is a food store #use# as listed in Section 32-15 (Use Group 6A), where at least 6,000 square feet of #floor area#, or #cellar# space used for retailing, is #used# for the sale of a general line of food and nonfood grocery products such as dairy, canned and frozen foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh and prepared meats, fish, and poultry, intended for home preparation, consumption and utilization. Such retail space #used# for the sale of a general line of food and non-food grocery products shall also be #used# as follows:

- (a) at least 3,000 square feet or 50 percent of such retail space, whichever is greater, shall be #used# for the sale of a general line of food products intended for home preparation, consumption and utilization;
- (b) at least 2,000 square feet or 30 percent of such retail space, whichever is greater, shall be #used# for the sale of perishable goods that shall include dairy, fresh produce, and frozen foods and may include fresh meats, poultry, and fish; and
- (c) at least 500 square feet of such retail space shall be #used# for the sale of fresh produce.

A #FRESH food store# shall be permitted upon certification by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 63-30 (Certification for #FRESH food Store#).

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Areas of Applicability

(a) The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all #commercial# and #manufacturing districts# in the following areas, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section:

(1) In the Borough of the Bronx, Community Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7;

(2) In the Borough of Brooklyn, Community Districts 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17;

(3) In the Borough of Manhattan, Community District 9, 10, 11, and 12; and

(4) In the Borough of Queens, #Special Downtown Jamaica District#.

(b) The provisions of the Chapter shall not apply to:

(1) Portions of Community District 7 in the Borough of the Bronx, identified in Map 1 of the Appendix A of this Chapter;

(2) Portions of Community District 8 in the Borough of Brooklyn, identified in Map 2 of the Appendix A of this Chapter;

(3) Portions of Community District 9 in the Borough of Manhattan, identified in Map3 of the Appendix A of this Chapter; and

(4) Portions of Community District 12 in the Borough of Manhattan, identified in Map 4 of the Appendix A of this Chapter.

(5) The following Special Purpose Districts:

#Special Madison Avenue Preservation District#;

#Special Manhattanville Mixed Use District#;

#Special Park Improvement District#; and

#Special Hunts Point District#

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Applicability of District Regulations

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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SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS

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Special #Use# Regulations for #FRESH Food Stores# in M1 Districts

In M1 districts, the regulations of Section 42-12 (Use Groups 3A, 6A, 6B, 6D, 6F, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 8, 9B, 9C, 10A, 10B, 10C, 11, 12A, 12C, 12D, 12E, 13, 14 and 16) are modified to permit #FRESH food stores# with up to 30,000 square feet of #floor area#. The provisions of this Section shall not apply where the regulations of the underlying district permit Use Group 6A food stores with #floor area# greater than 30,000 square feet.

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SPECIAL BULK AND PARKING REGULATIONS

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Special #Floor Area# Regulations

63-211

For #mixed buildings# in #commercial districts# containing #FRESH food stores#

In #commercial districts#, the #floor area# regulations for #mixed buildings# in Section 35-31 (Maximum Floor Area Ratio for Mixed Buildings) shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of this Section. The total #floor area# for all #residential# and #commercial uses# on a #zoning lot# may exceed that permitted by the #residential floor area ratio# by one square foot for each square foot of #FRESH food store floor area#, up to 20,000 square feet, provided that the #floor area ratio# of a #residential use# does not exceed the maximum #residential floor area ratio# set forth in Article II, Chapter 3, and the #floor area ratio# of a #commercial use# does not exceed the maximum #floor area ratio# set forth in Article III, Chapter 3.

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For #mixed use buildings# in #Special Mixed Use Districts# containing #FRESH food stores#

In #Special Mixed Use Districts#, the #floor area# regulations for #mixed use buildings# in Section 123-64 shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of this Section. The total #floor area# for all #residential# and #commercial uses# on a #zoning lot# may exceed that permitted by the #residential floor area ratio# by one square foot for each square foot of #FRESH food store floor area#, up to 20,000 square feet, provided that the #floor area ratio# of a #residential use# does not exceed the maximum #residential floor area ratio# permitted by the underlying district regulations, and the #floor area ratio# of a #commercial use# does not exceed the maximum #floor area ratio# set forth in such Section.

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Authorization to modify Maximum Building Height

For #mixed buildings# or #mixed use buildings# containing a #FRESH food store#, the City Planning Commission may authorize modifications to Sections 35-24 (Special Street Wall Location and Height and Setback Regulations in Certain Districts) and 123-66 (Height and Setback Regulations). The City Planning Commission may permit the applicable maximum building height to be increased by up to 15 feet provided that any #story# occupied by a #FRESH food store# has a minimum finished floor to finished ceiling height of 14 feet above the adjacent public sidewalk, and #residential stories# have a minimum finished floor to finished ceiling height of eight feet six inches.

In order to grant such authorizations, the Commission shall find that:

- (a) such modifications are necessary to accommodate a first #story# used as #FRESH food store#;
- (b) the proposed modifications do not impair the essential scale and character of the adjacent buildings and any adjacent historic resources; and
- (c) the proposed modifications will not unduly obstruct access to light and air of adjacent properties.

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

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Special Transparency requirements

For all #FRESH food store# space, the ground floor level #street wall# shall be glazed with materials which may include show windows, glazed transoms or glazed portions of doors. Such glazing shall occupy at least 70 percent of the area of each such ground floor level #street wall#, measured to a height of 10 feet above the level of the adjoining sidewalk. Not less than 50 percent of such area shall be glazed with transparent materials and up to 20 percent of such area may be glazed with translucent materials.

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Security Gates

All security gates installed between the #street wall# and the #street line# (after effective date of amendment), that are swung, drawn or lowered to secure #FRESH food store# premises shall,

when closed, permit visibility of at least 75 percent of the area covered by such gate when viewed from the #street#.

63-25

Required Accessory Off-street Parking Spaces in Certain Districts

- (a) In C1-1, C1-2, C1-3, C2-1, C2-2, C2-3, and C4-3 Districts, the #accessory# off-street parking regulations in Section 36-20 (REQUIRED ACCESSORY OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES FOR COMMERCIAL OR COMMUNITY FACILITY USES) applicable to a C1-4 District shall apply to any #FRESH food store use#.
- (b) In the Borough of Brooklyn, in those portions of Community District 5 located south of Flatlands Avenue and east of the centerline prolongation of Schenck Avenue, a #FRESH food store# shall provide #accessory# off-street parking spaces as required for #uses# in parking category B in the applicable #commercial# and #manufacturing districts#.
- (c) In C8-1, C8-2, M1-1, M1-2, and M1-3 Districts, a #FRESH food store use# shall provide one parking space per 1,000 square feet of #floor area# or #cellar# space #used# for retailing, up to a maximum of 15,000 square feet. The underlying off-street parking regulations in Section 36-20 (REQUIRED ACCESSORY OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES FOR COMMERCIAL OR COMMUNITY FACILITY USES) or 44-20 (REQUIRED ACCESSORY OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES FOR MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL OR COMMUNITY FACILITY USES) shall apply to the #floor area# or #cellar# space #used# for retailing, in excess of 15,000 square feet.

The provisions of this Section 63-25 shall not apply to:

- (1) Portions of Community District 7 in the Borough of the Bronx and portions of Community District 12 in the Borough of Manhattan, identified in Map 5 of the Appendix A of this Chapter;
- (2) Portions of Community District 5 in the Borough of Brooklyn, identified in Map 6 of the Appendix A of this Chapter;
- (3) Portions of Community Districts 16 and 17 in the Borough of Brooklyn, identified in Map 7 of the Appendix A of this Chapter; and
- (4) #Special Downtown Jamaica District#.

63-26

Special Sign Regulations

All permitted #signs# shall be subject to the provisions of the #sign# regulations of the underlying districts. In addition, a #FRESH food store# shall be required to provide signage pursuant to this Section.

The Department of City Planning shall develop a graphic image of the #FRESH food store# symbol, which shall be made available in an easily reproducible form on the Department of City Planning website. The image shall be reproduced with a dimension of at least 12 inches square in a #sign#, with a maximum dimension in one direction of 16 inches, that shall be mounted on a wall adjacent to and no more than five feet from the principal entrance of the #FRESH food store#. The #sign# shall be placed so that it is directly visible, without any obstruction, to customers entering the #FRESH food store#, and no more than five feet from the finished floor or adjoining grade or lower than three feet from the finished floor or adjoining grade. Such #sign# shall be fully opaque, non reflective and constructed of permanent, highly durable materials such as metal or stone, and shall also contain:

- (a) Lettering at least one and one-half inches in height stating "FRESH" in bold type; and
- (b) The statement "This store sells fresh food" in lettering at least one-half inch in height.

All lettering shall be in a clear, sans-serif, non-narrow font such as Arial, Helvetica, or Verdana, solid in color and shall highly contrast with the background color.

63-30

Certification for a #FRESH Food Store#

The Chairperson of the City Planning Commission may certify that a food store #use# is a #FRESH food store use# provided that:

- (a) Drawings have been submitted to the Chairperson that clearly designate all #floor area# or #cellar# space #used# as a #FRESH food store#. Such drawings shall also show, in the form of an illustrative layout, that such designated space is designed and arranged to meet the #floor area#, or #cellar# space #used# for retail, requirements for food and non-food grocery products pursuant to Section 63-01;
- (b) Drawings have been submitted to the Chairperson that clearly designate all #floor area# that will result from any permitted increase in #floor area# pursuant to Section 63-21, including the location of such #floor area#;
- (c) Drawings have been submitted to the Chairperson, documenting the size, format, and location of the required #sign# pursuant to Section 63-26. Such drawings shall include detailed information about dimensions of the #sign#, lettering, color, and materials;
- (d) A signed lease or written commitment from the prospective operator of #FRESH food store# has been provided in a form acceptable to the City, for occupancy of such space, and its operation as a #FRESH food store# space; and
- (e) A legal commitment, in the form of a declaration of restrictions has been executed, in a form acceptable to the Chairperson, binding upon the owner and its successor and assigns, and providing for continued occupancy of all #floor area# or #cellar# space as a #FRESH food store use# that shall commence within a reasonable period following the issuance of Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the #FRESH food store#, as set forth in the declaration of restrictions.

Such declaration of restrictions shall include provisions providing that there shall be no violation of the legal commitment for continued occupancy of the #floor area# or #cellar space# for use as a #FRESH food store# : (a) during any six (6) month period from the date such #floor area# or #cellar space# is vacated by the operator, provided that owner timely notifies the Department of City Planning of such vacancy in accordance with the requirements of the restrictive declaration; and (b) during any event of force majeure, as determined by the Chairperson.

The filing and recordation of the declaration of restrictions in the Borough Office of the Register of the City of New York, and receipt of a certified copy of such declaration, shall be a precondition to the issuance of any building permit, including any foundation or alteration permit, for any #development# or #enlargement# under this Chapter.

In granting the certification, the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission may specify that changes in design or #use# consistent with the definition of the #FRESH food store# in Section 63-01 would not warrant further certification pursuant to this Section.

63-31

Requirements for Certificate of Occupancy

No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any portion of the #development# or #enlargement# identified in the drawings submitted pursuant to paragraph (b) of Section 63-30 until a temporary certificate of occupancy has been issued for the #FRESH food store# space. No final certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any such portion of the #development# or #enlargement# identified in the drawings submitted pursuant to paragraph (b) of Section 63-30 until the #FRESH food store# space has been completed in accordance with the drawings submitted pursuant to paragraph (a) of Section 63-30 and a final certificate of occupancy has

been issued for the #FRESH food store# space. The declaration of restrictions shall be noted on any temporary or final certificate of occupancy for the #building#.

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Certification for change of #use# of a #FRESH Food Store#

A #FRESH food store# for which a certification has been issued pursuant to Section 63-30 may be changed to any #use# permitted by the underlying districts upon certification by the Chairperson of the City Planning Commission that such change of #use# would not create a new #non-compliance#, increase the degree of #non-compliance# of #buildings# on the #zoning lot#, or result in reduction in the number of required #accessory# off-street parking spaces under the applicable zoning district regulations.

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Authorization for Bulk and Parking modifications

The City Planning Commission may, by authorization, permit modifications to the #bulk# and #accessory# off-street parking requirements of the applicable zoning districts, when a change of #use# of a #FRESH food store# for which a certification has been issued pursuant to Section 63-30 is requested, provided that such #use# is permitted by the underlying districts.

In order to grant such authorization, the Commission shall find that:

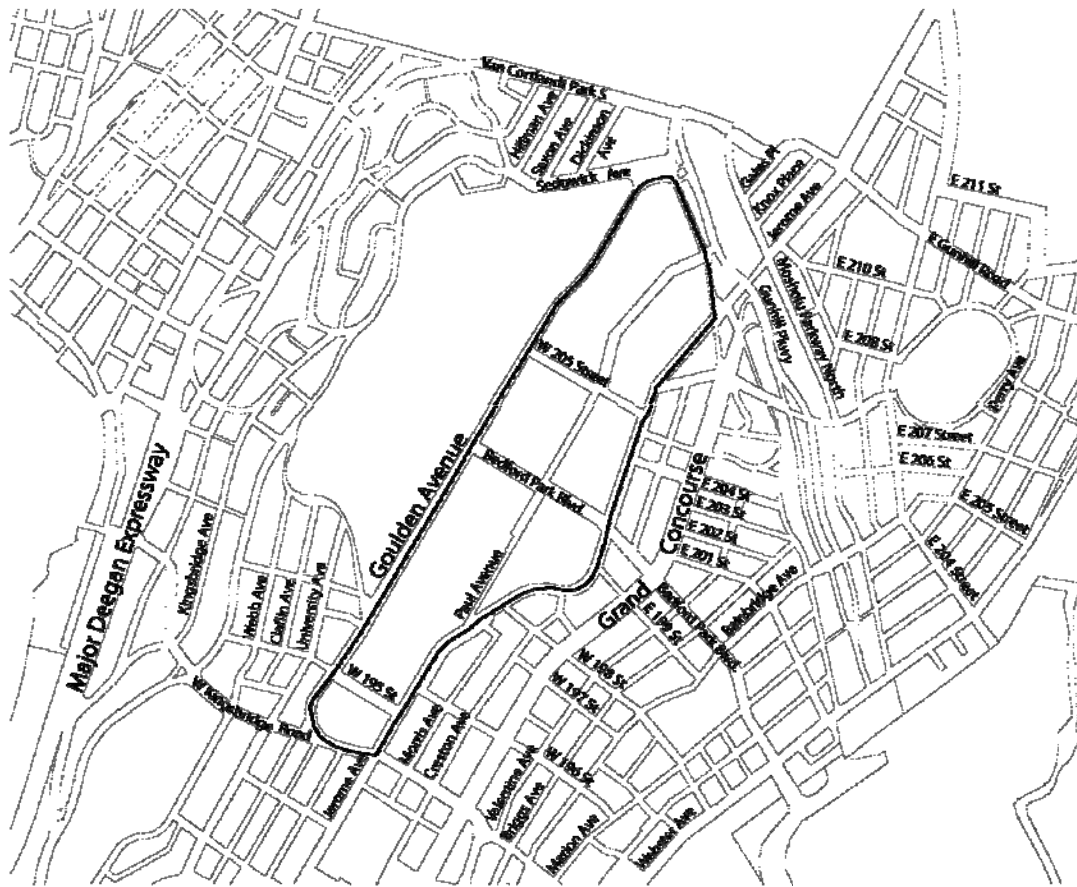
- (a) due to the prevalent market conditions at the time of the application, there is no reasonable possibility that the operation of a #FRESH food store use# will bring a reasonable return;
- (b) the applicant, the operator or a prior operator of such #FRESH food store# has not created, or contributed to, such unfavorable market conditions;
- (c) the applicant, the operator or a prior operator of such #FRESH food store# has undertaken commercially reasonable efforts to secure a new operator, and demonstrates to the City Planning Commission that such efforts have been unsuccessful;
- (d) any proposed #non-compliance# or increase in the degree of #non-compliance# will not be incompatible with or adversely affect adjacent #uses# including #uses# within the building; and
- (e) any reduction of required #accessory# off-street parking shall not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion and will not unduly inhibit surface traffic and pedestrian movement.

In issuing authorizations under this Section, the Commission may impose conditions and safeguards, to minimize adverse impacts on the character of the surrounding area.

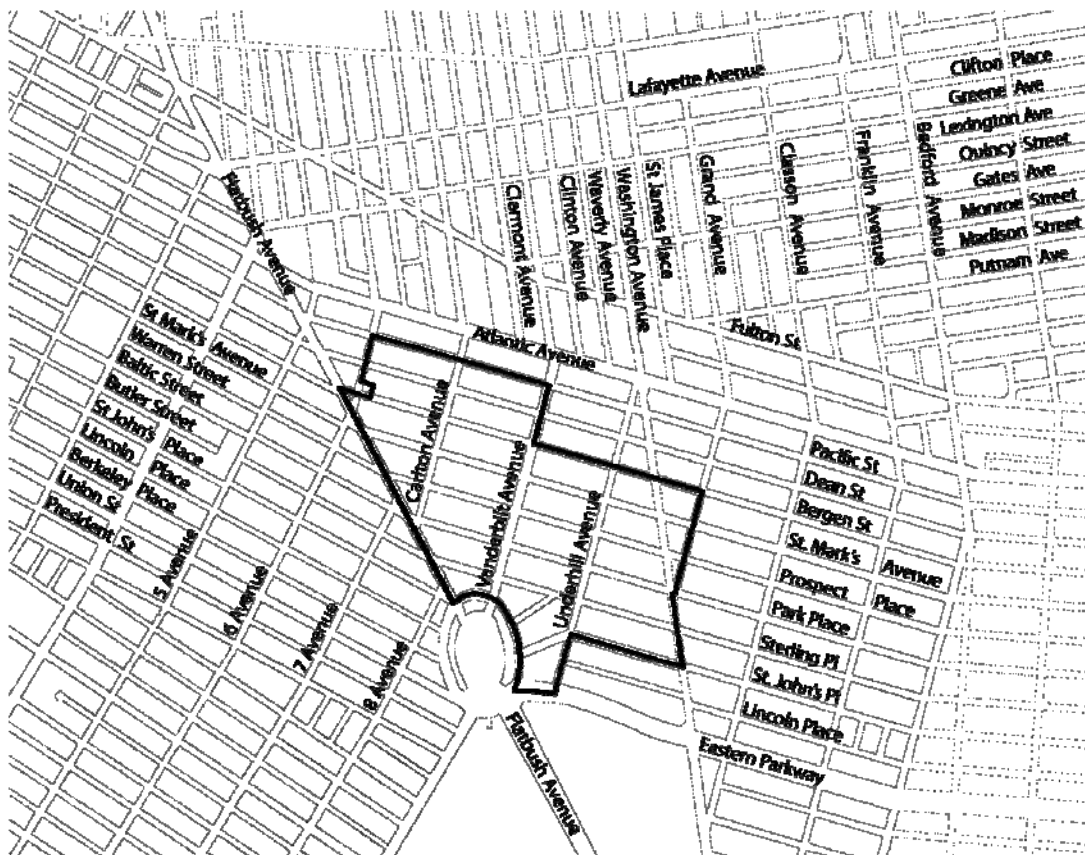
APPENDIX A

EXCEPTIONS TO THE FRESH FOOD STORE PROGRAM DESIGNATED AREAS

Map 1. Excluded Portions of Community District 7, Bronx



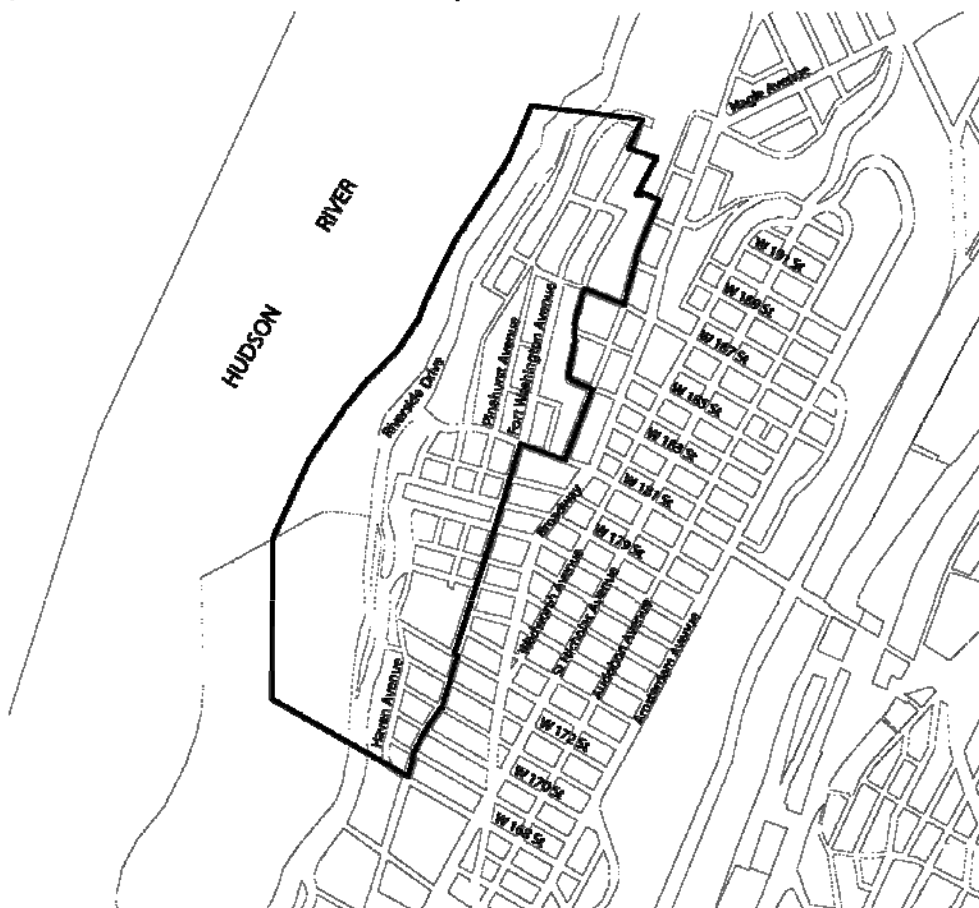
Map 2. Excluded Portions of Community District 8, Brooklyn



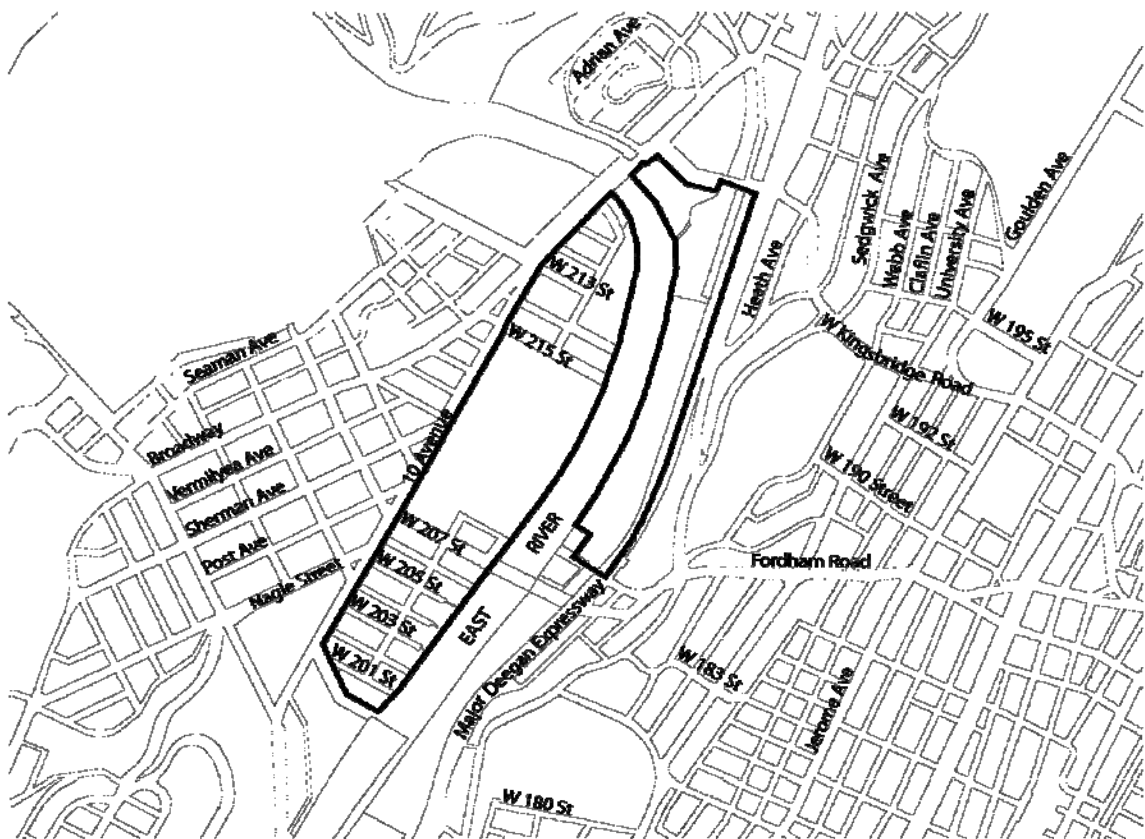
Map 3. Excluded Portions of Community District 9, Manhattan



Map 4. Excluded Portions of Community District 12, Manhattan



Map 5. Portions of Community District 12, Manhattan
and Portion of Community District 7, Bronx
excluded from Section 63-25



Map 7. Portions of Community District 16 and 17, Brooklyn excluded from Section 63-25

