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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
RESOLUTION NO. 894

Resolution approving the decision of the City Planning Commission on Application No. N 030356 ZRM, an amendment to the text of the Zoning Resolution regarding sign regulations for landmarked buildings fronting Broadway in C5-5 Districts within the Special Lower Manhattan District, Manhattan (L.U. No. 435).

By Council Members Katz and Avella

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission filed with the Council on May 5, 2003 its decision dated May 5, 2003 (the "Decision"), on the application submitted by Borders Group, Inc., pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Charter, for an amendment to the text of the Zoning Resolution (Application No. N 030356 ZRM) (the "Application");

WHEREAS, the Decision is subject to review and action by the Council pursuant to Section 197-d(b)(1) of the City Charter;

WHEREAS, upon due notice, the Council held a public hearing on the Decision and Application on May 8, 2003;

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the land use implications and other policy issues relating to the Decision and Application; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the relevant environmental issues and the Negative Declaration, issued on March 17, 2003 (CEQR No. 03DCP050M);

RESOLVED:

The Council finds that the action described herein will have no significant effect on the environment;

Pursuant to Sections 197-d and 200 of the City Charter and on the basis of the Decision and Application the Council approves the Decision; and

The Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, effective as of December 15, 1961, and as subsequently amended, is further amended as follows:

Matter in greytone is new, to be added;

Matter in strikeout is to be deleted;

Matter within # # is defined in the Zoning Resolution;

*** indicates where unchanged text appears in the Resolution.

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91-01

General Provisions

Except as modified by the express provisions of this the #Special Lower Manhattan District#, the regulations of the underlying zoning districts shall remain in effect.

Requirements that apply generally throughout the #Special Lower Manhattan District# are set forth in the provisions for this Chapter. The provisions of Section 91-40 (MANDATORY DISTRICT PLAN ELEMENTS) specify planning and urban design features to be provided in connection with new #developments# or #enlargements# that are primarily oriented toward the accommodation and well-being of pedestrians.

(New paragraph) For requirements that are not generally applicable but are tied to specific locations within the Special District, the locations where these requirements apply are shown on District Map 2 (Street Wall Continuity Types 1, 2 & 3), Map 3 (Street Wall Continuity Types 4 & 5), Map 4 (Designated Retail Streets) and Map 5 (Curb Cut Prohibitions) in Appendix A.

Certain #sign# regulations that apply to landmark #buildings# with #street walls# fronting Broadway are set forth in Section 91-134.

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Sign Regulations

In the #Special Lower Manhattan District#, except as modified by the provisions of this Section, inclusive, the regulations of Section 32-60, et. seq., pertaining to #signs# shall apply.

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Illuminated signs in C5 Districts

In all C5 Districts within the #Special Lower Manhattan District#, not more than one #illuminated#, non-#flashing sign#, other than an #advertising sign#, with a total #surface area# not exceeding eight square feet shall be permitted for each #street# frontage of the #zoning lot#. Such #sign# may be located only within a window of a #building#.

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Banner Regulations

In all C5 and C6 Districts within the #Special Lower Manhattan District#, in lieu of the provisions of Section 32-652 (Permitted projection in all other Commercial Districts), banners may project across a #street line# for a maximum distance of eight feet.

In C5-3 or C5-5 Districts within the Special District, in lieu of the provisions of Section 32-655 (Height of signs in all other Commercial Districts), banners may extend above #curb level# to a maximum height of 40 feet.

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Height of signs in C6-9 Districts

In C6-9 Districts within the #Special Lower Manhattan District#, the regulations of Section 32-655 (Height of signs in all other Commercial Districts) may be modified to allow a maximum height of 50 feet above #curb level#, provided the City Planning Commission certifies that the design features of the existing #building#, as they appear on May 9, 2001, would unduly obstruct the visibility of the #sign# without such modification. An application for such certification shall be filed with detailed plans showing compliance with this Section.

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Signs on landmark buildings fronting Broadway in C5-5 Districts

In addition to #signs# and banners otherwise permitted pursuant to this Section, 91-13, et. seq., within 100 feet of Broadway in C5-5 Districts,

on any #building# with a #street wall# fronting Broadway that is a landmark designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the applicable #sign# regulations of Section 32-60 shall be modified according to the following provisions, provided such #signs# and any alterations to the #building# connected with such #signs# have received a certificate of appropriateness or other permit from the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

- (a) #Illuminated# non-#flashing signs# other than #advertising signs# are permitted with a total #surface area# (in square feet) not to exceed 50 square feet along any #street# frontage.
- (b) No permitted #sign# shall extend above #curb level# at a height greater than 30 feet.
- (c) No permitted #sign# shall project across a #street line# more than 60 inches.
- (d) Permitted #signs# displayed on awnings may also include commercial copy related to the type of business, profession, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold or offered within such #building#.

Adopted.

Office of the City Clerk, }
The City of New York, } ss.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by The Council of The City of New York on May 14, 2003, on file in this office.

..... City Clerk, Clerk of the Council

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