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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to authorize the city of New York to discontinue certain land as parkland and alienate such land for purposes of such consolidation project, in accordance with and subject to a memorandum of understanding; and to amend chapter 345 of the laws of 1968, relating to establishing a United Nations development district, in relation to an additional reuse project and a consolidation project for the United Nations; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
2 city of New York is hereby authorized to discontinue the use as parkland
3 of the land described as follows, and to use such land or sell, lease or
4 otherwise transfer such land and interests therein to the United Nations
5 development corporation for such purposes as are consistent with the
6 provisions of chapter 345 of the laws of 1968, as amended:
7 An area in the borough of Manhattan, city of New York, bounded on the
8 west by the east side of United Nations Plaza (First Avenue); on the
9 south by the north side of Forty-first Street; on the north by the south
10 side of Forty-second Street; and on the east by a line that begins on
11 the north side of Forty-first Street, is located one hundred forty-six
12 feet seven eighths inches east of and parallel to United Nations Plaza
13 (First Avenue) and runs north for a distance of one hundred ninety-seven
14 feet six inches, ending at the south side of Forty-second Street, such
15 area being sixty-six hundredths and twenty-three ten thousandths of an
16 acre (.6623 acres).
17 S 2. The authorization contained in section one of this act shall take
18 effect only (a) upon the condition that a memorandum of understanding is

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 completed and signed by the mayor of the city of New York, the temporary
2 president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, after consul-
3 tation with the members of the senate, the assembly and the city council
4 of the city of New York representing the area in which the parkland
5 described in section one of this act is located, which memorandum of
6 understanding shall, among other matters: (i) identify the extent of,
7 the sources for and the procedures applicable to funding for parkland
8 and other recreational space in the borough of Manhattan to replace the
9 parkland described in section one of this act; (ii) provide for the city
10 of New York to designate and map parkland in the borough of Manhattan
11 that will, in conjunction with parkland that the city of New York so
12 designates and maps pursuant to section three of this act, have a fair
13 market value in the aggregate of no less than the fair market value of
14 the parkland described in section one of this act; (iii) provide for the
15 city of New York to take possession of the area within the borough of
16 Manhattan, city of New York, known as the ConEd Waterside Pier between
17 Thirty-eighth and Forty-first Streets, for the prior user of said area
18 to make a payment for the structural rehabilitation of said area and for
19 the city of New York to commence said rehabilitation after such payment
20 is made; and (iv) provide for a portion of amounts available to the city
21 of New York in the future in the event of an ownership transfer by sale
22 or otherwise or a refinancing involving the existing buildings at One
23 and Two United Nations Plaza (First Avenue) in the borough of Manhattan,
24 city of New York, to be dedicated toward the costs of a continuous walk-
25 way and bike path along the East River or the costs of other parkland in
26 the borough of Manhattan; and (b) upon the further condition that the
27 city of New York satisfies the obligations as described in such memoran-
28 dum of understanding as being required to be satisfied prior to the
29 alienation of the parkland described in section one of this act. The
30 authorization contained in section one of this act shall be negated if
31 the city of New York fails to satisfy such obligations described in such
32 memorandum of understanding as being required to be satisfied prior to
33 alienation of the parkland described in section one of this act. Any
34 obligations of the city of New York set forth in such memorandum of
35 understanding and not described therein as being required to be satis-
36 fied prior to the alienation of the parkland described in section one of
37 this act, shall, to the extent stated in such memorandum of understand-
38 ing, survive such alienation and be enforceable against the city of New
39 York with the same effect as if included in this act. Persons described
40 in such memorandum of understanding as having standing to pursue equita-
41 ble remedies against the city of New York to enforce any obligation that
42 the city of New York may be required to satisfy as described in such
43 memorandum of understanding shall have standing to pursue such equitable
44 remedies. The preceding two sentences shall not limit any other remedies
45 that may be available as provided in such memorandum of understanding.

46 S 3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any gener-
47 al, special or local law, including the New York city charter and admin-
48 istrative code of the city of New York, and provided that the memorandum
49 of understanding is completed and signed as provided in section two of
50 this act, and provided further that the city of New York has satisfied
51 the obligations as described in such memorandum of understanding as
52 being required to be satisfied prior to the provisions of this section
53 three being effective, the city of New York, acting by its mayor alone,
54 or his or her designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such
55 administrative and other actions as are necessary or desirable, all of
56 which shall be deemed ministerial, to demap, discontinue and close as

1 part of public streets of the city of New York, located in the borough
2 of Manhattan, the following area of approximately sixty-two hundredths
3 and sixty-seven ten thousandths of an acre (.6267 acres), located in the
4 borough of Manhattan, city of New York, for purposes of designating and
5 mapping such area as parkland, such administrative and other actions
6 being also authorized for such designation and mapping as parkland:
7 Beginning at the northwest corner of the intersection of East Twenty-
8 third Street and Asser Levy Place, as those streets were heretofore laid
9 out on the map of the city of New York, thence running approximately
10 sixty feet in an easterly direction along the southerly line of Asser
11 Levy Place to a point, thence running approximately four hundred fifty-
12 five feet in a northerly direction, said course forming a deflection
13 angle to the left with the previous course of ninety degrees, no minutes
14 and no seconds, thence running approximately sixty feet in a westerly
15 direction, said course forming a deflection angle to the left with the
16 previous course of ninety degrees, no minutes and no seconds, thence
17 running approximately four hundred fifty-five feet in a southerly direc-
18 tion, said course forming a deflection angle to the left of ninety
19 degrees, no minutes and no seconds to the place or point of beginning.

20 S 4. Section 1 of chapter 345 of the laws of 1968, relating to estab-
21 lishing a United Nations development district, is amended by adding five
22 new subdivisions 10-a, 13, 13-b, 14 and 15 to read as follows:

23 10-A. "FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET." A DEVELOPMENT PLAN
24 FOR THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA, INCLUDING
25 IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN SAID AREA AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS INCIDENTAL THERETO
26 OUTSIDE SAID AREA.

27 13. "REUSE PROJECT." THE INITIAL REUSE PROJECT AND THE ADDITIONAL
28 REUSE PROJECT DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISIONS THIRTEEN-A AND THIRTEEN-B,
29 RESPECTIVELY, OF SECTION ONE OF THIS CHAPTER.

30 13-B. "ADDITIONAL REUSE PROJECT." THE ACQUISITION OF LAND, EASEMENT
31 AND OTHER RIGHTS WITHIN OR APPURTENANT TO THE AREA IN THE BOROUGH OF
32 MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK, DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, AND THE
33 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OPERATION, ALTERATION AND RENOVATION, FROM TIME TO
34 TIME, OF IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ON SUCH LAND, EXCLUSIVELY FOR USE BY THE
35 UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING ITS ORGANS, SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND SPECIALIZED
36 AND OTHER AGENCIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING UNITED NATIONS
37 HEADQUARTERS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK. THE AREA REFERRED TO ABOVE IS
38 BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF
39 FORTY-FIFTH STREET AND UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE), RUNNING
40 THENCE WESTERLY ALONG FORTY-FIFTH STREET A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FEET,
41 RUNNING THENCE NORTHERLY, PARALLEL TO UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST
42 AVENUE), A DISTANCE OF EIGHTY FEET FIVE INCHES, RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY,
43 PARALLEL TO FORTY-FIFTH STREET, A DISTANCE OF TWENTY FEET, RUNNING
44 THENCE SOUTHERLY, PARALLEL TO UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE), A
45 DISTANCE OF FORTY FEET, RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY, PARALLEL TO FORTY-FIFTH
46 STREET, A DISTANCE OF EIGHTY FEET, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG
47 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE) A DISTANCE OF FORTY FEET FIVE INCHES
48 TO THE PLACE OR POINT OF BEGINNING. PROVIDED THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF
49 UNDERSTANDING IS COMPLETED AND SIGNED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION TWO OF THE
50 CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2011 THAT ADDED THIS SUBDIVISION AND PROVIDED
51 FURTHER THAT THE CITY OF NEW YORK SHALL HAVE SATISFIED THE OBLIGATIONS
52 AS DESCRIBED IN SUCH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS BEING REQUIRED TO BE
53 SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE CORPORATION UNDERTAKING THE ADDITIONAL REUSE
54 PROJECT, THE ADDITIONAL REUSE PROJECT AND THE SITE THEREOF SHALL FOR ALL
55 PURPOSES BE DEEMED TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND BE DEEMED ALSO
56 TO BE A PROJECT AS DEFINED IN THIS CHAPTER AND SHALL, EXCEPT FOR ANY NEW

1 CONSTRUCTION OR ANY INCREASE IN THE HEIGHT OR FLOOR AREA OF ANY PREVI-
2 OUSLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDING, BE DEEMED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO BE PART OF AND
3 TO CONFORM TO A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A PORTION OF THE DISTRICT, WHICH
4 HAS BEEN FORMULATED, REVIEWED AND APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
5 SEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

6 14. "UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION PROJECT." THE ACQUISSI-
7 TION BY LEASE OR OTHERWISE FROM THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND OTHER PARTIES,
8 IF ANY, OF LAND, EASEMENT AND OTHER RIGHTS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS
9 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA, AND ASSOCIATED PROPERTY INTERESTS
10 RELATED THERETO, AND FROM TIME TO TIME THEREAFTER, THE CONSTRUCTION,
11 ALTERATION, RENOVATION AND REBUILDING, AND THE OWNERSHIP OR OPERATION,
12 INCLUDING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, OF OFFICE SPACE AND RELATED FACILI-
13 TIES, A TUNNEL (TO PROVIDE SECURE PASSAGE FROM AND TO UNITED NATIONS
14 PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS), AND SPACE AND FACILITIES RELATED TO THE FOREGO-
15 ING, EXCLUSIVELY FOR USE BY THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING ITS ORGANS,
16 SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND SPECIALIZED AND OTHER AGENCIES; THE CONSTRUCTION
17 WITHIN, AND IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, USE AND OPERATION OF, BELOW BUT NOT
18 ABOVE-GRADE VOLUMES OF SPACE, AFTER THE SAME ARE DEMAPPED, DISCONTINUED
19 AND CLOSED AS PART OF PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, LOCATED IN
20 THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN EAST OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE)
21 BELOW FORTY-SECOND STREET OR BELOW THE ROADWAY OF THE FRANKLIN D.
22 ROOSEVELT (EAST RIVER) DRIVE, FOR PURPOSES OF SUCH TUNNEL; THE CREATION,
23 IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION AND RENOVATION OF SPACE, FACILITIES AND IMPROVE-
24 MENTS WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION
25 AREA TO THE EXTENT INCIDENTAL TO SUCH OFFICE SPACE AND TUNNEL; AND THE
26 CORPORATION'S COOPERATION WITH AND ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK
27 CONCERNING PLANNING FOR, AND THE CORPORATION'S PAYMENT OF COSTS OF,
28 PARKLAND REPLACEMENT TO COMPENSATE FOR DISCONTINUING THE USE AS PARKLAND
29 OF A PORTION OF ROBERT MOSES PLAYGROUND IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN FOR
30 PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION PROJECT.
31 PROVIDED THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS COMPLETED AND SIGNED AS
32 PROVIDED IN SECTION TWO OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2011 THAT ADDED
33 THIS SUBDIVISION, THE LAND, BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED IN
34 OR OTHERWISE PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION
35 PROJECT SHALL FOR ALL PURPOSES BE DEEMED TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE
36 DISTRICT AND BE DEEMED ALSO TO BE PART OF A PROJECT AS DEFINED IN THIS
37 CHAPTER.

38 15. "CITY COUNCIL." THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

39 S 4-a. Subdivisions 10 and 13-a of section 1 of chapter 345 of the
40 laws of 1968, relating to establishing a United Nations development
41 district, subdivision 13-a as added by chapter 34 of the laws of 1993,
42 are amended to read as follows:

43 10. "Development plan." A plan or plans, INCLUDING A FURTHER DEVELOP-
44 MENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET, AND INCLUDING ANY SUPPLEMENTS, ADDITIONS OR
45 AMENDMENTS TO SUCH PLAN OR PLANS, for the development of all or part of
46 the district which shall include but shall not be limited to: A state-
47 ment of proposed land uses; proposed land acquisition, demolition and
48 removal of structures; proposed acquisition of air rights and concom-
49 itant easements or other rights of user necessary for the use and devel-
50 opment of such air rights; proposed public, semi-public, private or
51 community facilities or utilities, WITH A SITE PLAN AND DRAWINGS THERE-
52 FOR; a statement as to the relationship between the development plan and
53 a comprehensive plan for the development of the municipality as a whole;
54 a statement as to proposed new codes and ordinances and amendments to
55 existing codes and ordinances as are required or necessary to effectuate
56 the plan or plans; a proposed time schedule for the effectuation of such

1 plan or plans, and such additional statements or documentation as the
2 corporation may deem appropriate.

3 13-a. [Reuse] "INITIAL REUSE project." The acquisition and alteration,
4 renovation or rebuilding, from time to time, without any increase in the
5 height of any previously constructed building and without any
6 construction on any vacant land, of real property consisting of any
7 previously constructed commercial building or buildings, or any portion
8 thereof, and the land and associated property interests related thereto,
9 primarily for use by the United Nations, including its organs, subsid-
10 iary bodies and specialized and other agencies, provided that: any such
11 acquisition shall occur before December 31, 1998; such building or
12 buildings shall be located at 633 Third Avenue, 685 Third Avenue or 845
13 United Nations Plaza in the borough of Manhattan, city of New York; not
14 more than eight hundred thousand square feet of floor area shall be
15 acquired if such floor area is located in more than one of such build-
16 ings; and the corporation shall not transfer any unused development
17 rights from any of such buildings or add to any of such buildings any
18 unused development rights from any other property. The reuse project
19 shall for all purposes be deemed to be located within the district and
20 be deemed also to be a project and to be part of and to conform to a
21 development plan for a portion of the district, which has been formu-
22 lated, reviewed and approved in accordance with section seven of this
23 chapter.

24 S 5. Chapter 345 of the laws of 1968, relating to establishing a
25 United Nations development district, is amended by adding a new section
26 3-a to read as follows:

27 S 3-A. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION
28 AREA. THE FOLLOWING AREA LYING SOUTH OF THE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF
29 THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, CITY OF NEW YORK, AND
30 BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE "UNITED
31 NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA": BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST
32 CORNER OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE) AND FORTY-FIRST STREET,
33 RUNNING EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF FORTY-FIRST STREET A
34 DISTANCE OF THREE HUNDRED FIVE FEET SEVEN EIGHTHS INCHES, RUNNING THENCE
35 NORTHERLY, PARALLEL TO UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE), A DISTANCE
36 OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT FEET, RUNNING THENCE WESTERLY, PARALLEL TO
37 FORTY-FIRST STREET, A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE FEET, RUNNING
38 THENCE NORTHERLY, PARALLEL TO UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE), A
39 DISTANCE OF TWENTY-NINE FEET SIX INCHES, RUNNING THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG
40 THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF FORTY-SECOND STREET, A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED
41 FORTY-SIX FEET SEVEN EIGHTHS INCHES, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTHERLY, ALONG
42 THE EASTERLY SIDE OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE), A DISTANCE OF
43 ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN FEET SIX INCHES, TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF
44 BEGINNING. PROVIDED THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS COMPLETED
45 AND SIGNED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION TWO OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2011
46 THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE LAND INCLUDED IN THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND
47 STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA SHALL FOR ALL PURPOSES BE DEEMED TO BE LOCATED
48 WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

49 S 6. Section 6 of chapter 345 of the laws of 1968, relating to estab-
50 lishing a United Nations development district, subdivision 3 as amended
51 by chapter 623 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

52 S 6. Powers and duties of corporation. The powers and duties of the
53 corporation shall be:

54 (1) to undertake surveys of the present and anticipated need: for
55 [locations for missions,] office space, meeting facilities, [and] hous-
56 ing and recreational facilities [for] AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE

1 UNITED NATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND delegates TO THE UNITED NATIONS, person-
2 nel of delegations TO THE UNITED NATIONS, and members of the United
3 Nations staff; for office space, auditorium and meeting facilities for
4 related nongovernmental organizations; for hotel accommodations for
5 visiting heads of state and other dignitaries; for bus terminals, dining
6 facilities, and other facilities for visiting persons and groups[,]; for
7 parking[,]; and for housing, commercial, industrial and other facilities
8 necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this chapter,

9 (2) subject to the approval of the [board of estimate and the] commis-
10 sion AND THE CITY COUNCIL as hereinafter provided, to formulate a devel-
11 opment plan or plans [including supplements, additions and amendments
12 thereto,] in accordance with the foregoing present and anticipated
13 needs, with provision for relocation of individuals and commercial
14 establishments outside or within the district,

15 (3) [to undertake or cause its subsidiary corporation or corporations]
16 to undertake, or otherwise to have undertaken on behalf of the corpo-
17 ration, the execution of a development plan or of a portion thereof, and
18 the financing, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, improvement,
19 operation and management of any project or portion thereof, including
20 attendant relocation facilities, provided however, that all contracts
21 let by the corporation [or by a subsidiary (rather than a sponsor or a
22 person, firm or corporation acting as sponsor in lieu of the corporation
23 or its subsidiaries)] for the erection, construction, or alteration of
24 buildings shall be let in conformity with the provisions of section one
25 hundred thirty-five of the state finance law, EXCEPT THAT SUCH
26 PROVISIONS SHALL NOT BE APPLIED TO RESTRICT THE CORPORATION'S PRE-QUALI-
27 FICATION OF BIDDERS FOR PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET
28 CONSOLIDATION PROJECT, AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT EXECUTION OF A FURTHER
29 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET MAY NOT PROCEED UNLESS AND UNTIL THE
30 APPROVAL THEREOF BY THE COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL AS HEREINAFTER
31 PROVIDED AND UNLESS AND UNTIL THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REFERRED
32 TO IN SECTION TWO OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2011 AMENDING THIS
33 SECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SIGNED AS PROVIDED IN THAT SECTION.

34 [(4) when, in the opinion of the board of directors, it would be more
35 appropriate or convenient to have the execution of a particular develop-
36 ment plan or portion thereof undertaken by a sponsor rather than by the
37 corporation or one or more of its subsidiaries, to select a proposed
38 sponsor or sponsors financially responsible and otherwise qualified by
39 experience and training to undertake the execution of the development
40 plan and to relocate residents and businesses to be displaced thereby,

41 (5) to advise and generally supervise such sponsor or sponsors or
42 successors thereto in connection with such relocation and development,

43 (6) with the approval of the board of estimate, (a) to enter into
44 agreements with a qualified sponsor or sponsors for the implementation
45 and execution of all or a portion of a development plan, or, (b) where
46 such implementation and execution is to be undertaken by the corporation
47 or one or more of its subsidiaries, to enter into agreements for the
48 implementation and execution of such development plan or portion thereof
49 with persons, firms or corporations acting as sponsors in lieu of the
50 corporation or its subsidiaries, and (c) to enter into agreements amend-
51 ing, modifying or superseding such agreements, and

52 (7)] (4) to furnish advice, technical assistance and liaison with
53 federal, state and city authorities and with users and occupants of the
54 facilities to be created within the district with respect to educa-
55 tional, social and cultural activities within the district, and other-
56 wise to foster and encourage greater public knowledge of, and partic-

1 ipation in, the activities of the United Nations and affiliated
2 organizations, AND

3 (5) TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO REAL ESTATE NEEDS
4 AND DEVELOPMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE STATE OR CITY OF NEW YORK, THE
5 UNITED STATES OR THE UNITED NATIONS.

6 S 7. Subdivision a of section 7 of chapter 345 of the laws of 1968,
7 relating to establishing a United Nations development district, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 a. The corporation shall prepare or cause to be prepared a development
10 plan for the district, or, if the corporation deems it necessary or
11 advisable that the development of the district OR A PORTION THEREOF be
12 carried out in stages, development plans for parts or portions of the
13 district. Any development plan shall include a requirement that relo-
14 cation benefits be provided to individuals and businesses to be
15 displaced in the course of redevelopment which are at least equal to
16 those for which such individuals and businesses would be eligible under
17 federal law at the time of their relocation if the development plan were
18 an urban renewal plan.

19 S 7-a. Section 7 of chapter 345 of the laws of 1968, relating to
20 establishing a United Nations development district, is amended by adding
21 two new subdivisions e and f to read as follows:

22 E. THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS B, C AND D OF THIS SECTION SHALL
23 NOT APPLY TO ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET OR ANY DEVELOP-
24 MENT PLAN FOR ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION OR ANY INCREASE IN THE HEIGHT OR
25 FLOOR AREA OF THE PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDING LOCATED ON LAND
26 ACQUIRED AS PART OF THE ADDITIONAL REUSE PROJECT OR ANY AMENDMENT OF ANY
27 SUCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN. ANY SUCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR AMENDMENT SHALL BE
28 SUBJECT TO REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN-C AND
29 SECTION ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN-D OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW
30 YORK IN THE SAME MANNER AS IF SUCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR AMENDMENT WERE
31 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF SUBDIVISION B OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED NINE-
32 TY-SEVEN-D OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. APPROVAL OF ANY SUCH
33 DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR AMENDMENT SHALL INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LAND
34 USE REVIEW AUTHORIZATION FOR ANY DISPOSITION BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK OF
35 THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF SUBDIVISION 1 OF SECTION
36 16-A OF THIS CHAPTER AND ANY AND ALL LAND OR OTHER RIGHTS, AND ANY
37 DEMAPPING, DISCONTINUING AND CLOSING BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK OF ANY AND
38 ALL VOLUMES OF SPACE UNDER ANY PUBLIC STREETS, FOR PURPOSES OF A FURTHER
39 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET.

40 F. NO PORTION OF A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET IS PERMIT-
41 TED TO BE EFFECTUATED IN ANY RESPECT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY
42 ACQUISITION BY THE CORPORATION OF ANY INTEREST IN THE UNITED NATIONS
43 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA, ANY COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION BY THE
44 CORPORATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA AND
45 ANY OTHER PHYSICAL ACTIVITY BY THE CORPORATION ON, OR OTHER INTERFERENCE
46 BY THE CORPORATION WITH USE OF OR ACCESS TO, THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND
47 STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA, UNLESS AND UNTIL A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN
48 AT 42ND STREET HAS BEEN REVIEWED AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION E OF THIS
49 SECTION AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS COMPLETED AND SIGNED AS
50 PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION TWO OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2011 THAT
51 ADDED THIS SUBDIVISION.

52 S 8. Section 9 of chapter 345 of the laws of 1968, relating to estab-
53 lishing a United Nations development district, is amended by adding a
54 new subdivision d to read as follows:

55 D. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED IN ANY GENERAL,
56 SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW, INCLUDING THE CHARTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF

1 THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ACTING BY ITS MAYOR ALONE,
2 OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, SHALL BE AUTHORIZED, FOR THE EFFECTUATION OF A
3 FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET WHEN APPROVED PURSUANT TO
4 SECTION ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN-C AND SECTION ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEV-
5 EN-D OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN THE SAME MANNER AS IF
6 SUCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR AMENDMENT WERE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF
7 SUBDIVISION B OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN-D OF THE CHARTER OF
8 THE CITY OF NEW YORK, AND WHEN OTHERWISE PERMITTED TO BE EXECUTED AS
9 PROVIDED IN THIS CHAPTER, TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY OR
10 DESIRABLE, TO DEMAP, DISCONTINUE AND CLOSE BELOW BUT NOT ABOVE-GRADE
11 VOLUMES OF SPACE PART OF THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
12 LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN EAST OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST
13 AVENUE), BELOW FORTY-SECOND STREET, OR BELOW THE ROADWAY AT THE FRANKLIN
14 D. ROOSEVELT (EAST RIVER) DRIVE, FOR PURPOSES OF A TUNNEL AS PART OF THE
15 UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION PROJECT, AND TO SELL, LEASE FOR
16 A TERM NOT EXCEEDING NINETY-NINE YEARS, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF TO THE
17 CORPORATION ANY LAND AND OTHER INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE
18 CITY OF NEW YORK, REGARDLESS OF HOW ACQUIRED, AND INCLUDED IN THE UNITED
19 NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION PROJECT, INCLUDING ANY DISCONTINUED,
20 DEMAPPED AND CLOSED PART OF THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
21 WITHOUT ANY PAYMENT OF MONEY THEREFOR AND WITHOUT FURTHER REVIEW OR
22 APPROVALS, OTHER THAN SAID APPROVAL OF THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT
23 42ND STREET, AND THE COMPLETION AND SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
24 UNDERSTANDING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION TWO OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF
25 2011 THAT ADDED THIS SUBDIVISION, AND WITHOUT PUBLIC AUCTION OR SEALED
26 OR COMPETITIVE BIDS.

27 S 9. Section 13 of chapter 345 of the laws of 1968, relating to estab-
28 lishing a United Nations development district, is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 S 13. Exemption from taxation. It is hereby found, determined and
31 declared that the creation of the corporation and the carrying out of
32 its purposes is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the
33 city and state of New York and is a public purpose, and that the corpo-
34 ration will be performing an essential governmental function in the
35 exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this chapter. The income and
36 operations of the corporation shall be exempt from taxation. Obligations
37 issued by the corporation or a subsidiary pursuant to this chapter,
38 together with income therefrom, shall be free from taxation, except for
39 transfer and estate taxes. [Any] THE LAND, BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVE-
40 MENTS FROM TIME TO TIME INCLUDED AS PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND
41 STREET CONSOLIDATION PROJECT SHALL, UNLESS OWNED BY THE UNITED NATIONS,
42 BE SUBJECT TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION IN THE SAME MANNER AND TO THE SAME
43 EXTENT AS REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK USED FOR OFFICE PURPOSES
44 GENERALLY, EXCEPT THAT SUCH LAND, BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS SHALL
45 BE EXEMPT FROM SUCH TAXATION IF THE SAME ARE OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEW
46 YORK AND LEASED TO THE CORPORATION FOR NOT MORE THAN NINETY-NINE YEARS
47 AND OTHERWISE ON TERMS SATISFACTORY TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ACTING BY
48 ITS MAYOR ALONE, PROVIDED THAT THE CORPORATION ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT
49 REQUIRING THAT IT PAY TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK OR ITS DESIGNEE AMOUNTS
50 FROM TIME TO TIME IN LIEU OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, AND IN THE
51 CASE OF ANY SUCH AGREEMENT, THE CITY OF NEW YORK OR ITS DESIGNEE SHALL
52 BE AUTHORIZED, NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED IN ANY
53 GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW, INCLUDING THE CHARTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE
54 CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, TO PLEDGE, ASSIGN OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER,
55 ON TERMS SATISFACTORY TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ACTING BY ITS MAYOR
56 ALONE, THE AMOUNTS PAYABLE UNDER SUCH AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE

1 SUCH AMOUNTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF, AND
2 AS SECURITY FOR, THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOL-
3 IDATION PROJECT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED ABOVE IN THIS SECTION, ANY
4 facilities within the district owned by the corporation[, or by a
5 subsidiary or a sponsor,] which are found and determined by the [board
6 of estimate] CITY COUNCIL to be public facilities shall be exempt from
7 taxation or assessment by and from the payment of any fees to the city
8 of New York, and, if such finding and determination is approved by the
9 state tax commission, from taxation or assessment by and from the
10 payment of any fees to the state or any subdivision thereof or to any
11 officer or employee of the state or any subdivision thereof. The [board
12 of estimate] CITY COUNCIL, upon application by the corporation[, a
13 subsidiary, or a sponsor,] may find and determine that all or part of
14 the real property owned by the corporation[, the subsidiary, or the
15 sponsor] within the district is devoted exclusively to public facili-
16 ties. Such tax exemption shall continue so long as such facility is
17 devoted exclusively to public use. Except as hereinabove provided, and
18 except as may otherwise specifically be provided, nothing contained in
19 this chapter shall confer exemption from any tax, assessment or fee upon
20 any person, firm, corporation or other entity, or upon the obligations
21 of any of them.

22 S 10. Section 16-a of chapter 345 of the laws of 1968, relating to
23 establishing a United Nations development district, as added by chapter
24 623 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

25 S 16-a. Development limitation. 1. The corporation, notwithstanding
26 any other provision of law and unless further authorized by act of the
27 legislature, shall not in the execution of the development plan hereto-
28 fore approved under section seven of this chapter undertake the
29 execution of any portion of such development plan on real property with-
30 in the district lying westerly of a line parallel to, and three hundred
31 twenty-five feet westerly from the westerly side of United Nations
32 Plaza. THE CORPORATION, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND
33 UNLESS FURTHER AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, SHALL NOT IN THE
34 EXECUTION OF A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET DEVELOP OR
35 CONSTRUCT ANY BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURE ABOVE GRADE ON ANY PORTION OF
36 THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA OTHER THAN THE FOLLOW-
37 ING PORTION OF SUCH AREA: THE AREA BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE EAST SIDE
38 OF UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE), ON THE SOUTH BY THE NORTH SIDE
39 OF FORTY-FIRST STREET; ON THE NORTH BY THE SOUTH SIDE OF FORTY-SECOND
40 STREET; AND ON THE EAST BY A LINE THAT BEGINS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF
41 FORTY-FIRST STREET, IS LOCATED ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX FEET SEVEN EIGHTHS
42 INCHES EAST OF AND PARALLEL TO UNITED NATIONS PLAZA (FIRST AVENUE) AND
43 RUNS NORTH FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN FEET SIX INCHES,
44 ENDING AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF FORTY-SECOND STREET.

45 2. All properties in the district, lying easterly of a line parallel
46 to and three hundred twenty-five feet westerly from the westerly side of
47 United Nations Plaza, even though separated by a street, NOT INCLUDING
48 THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA, AND NOT INCLUDING ANY
49 PROPERTY THAT IS PART OF ANY REUSE PROJECT, shall be deemed, notwith-
50 standing any other provision of law, to be one zoning lot for all
51 purposes, and the maximum floor area ratio of such properties, DEEMED TO
52 BE PART OF ONE ZONING LOT AND taken as a whole, shall not exceed
53 fifteen.

54 3. The corporation may undertake or cause to be undertaken the
55 execution of any portion of the development plan heretofore approved
56 under section seven of this chapter without requiring any amendment to

1 or modification of such development plan and without further approval
2 under section seven of this chapter.

3 4. NO PORTION OF ANY STRUCTURE PERMITTED TO BE DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO
4 A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET, IF AND WHEN EFFECTUATION OF
5 SUCH FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET IS PERMITTED UNDER THIS
6 CHAPTER, MAY BE BUILT TO A HEIGHT GREATER THAN THE HEIGHT OF THE UNITED
7 NATIONS SECRETARIAT BUILDING. SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOREGOING
8 LIMITATION IN THIS SUBDIVISION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF
9 FLOOR AREA AS DEFINED IN ANY APPLICABLE ZONING RESOLUTION SHALL BE
10 DEEMED ATTRIBUTABLE UNDER SUCH ZONING RESOLUTION TO THE LAND THAT IS A
11 PORTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS 42ND STREET CONSOLIDATION AREA AND IS
12 DESCRIBED IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, AND
13 A MAXIMUM OF NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF SUCH FLOOR AREA SHALL
14 BE PERMITTED TO BE INCORPORATED IN SUCH STRUCTURE AS PART OF A FURTHER
15 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT 42ND STREET.

16 S 11. This act shall take effect immediately, and if and when the
17 memorandum of understanding is completed and signed as provided in
18 section two of this act, the provisions thereof shall, to the extent
19 stated therein, have the same effect as if they were included in this
20 act; provided, that the mayor of the city of New York shall notify the
21 legislative bill drafting commission upon the completion and signing of
22 the memorandum of understanding as provided in section two of this act
23 in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effec-
24 tive data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York
25 in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the
26 legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law. Notwith-
27 standing the foregoing, the provisions of this act shall expire and be
28 deemed repealed if on or before October 10, 2011, the memorandum of
29 understanding has not been completed and signed as provided in section
30 two of this act.