

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the multiple dwelling law, in relation to ensuring zoning lot mergers do not create any new non-compliance with applicable, pre-existing zoning regulations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The multiple dwelling law is amended by adding a new
2 section 15 to read as follows:

3 § 15. Zoning lot mergers; non-compliance with applicable pre-existing
4 zoning regulations. 1. For the purposes of this section:

5 (a) "Tax lot" shall mean a parcel of land identified with a unique
6 borough, block and lot number for property tax.

7 (b) "Zoning lot development agreement" shall mean a contract to trans-
8 fer floor area from one parcel of land to another and permits a develop-
9 er to utilize the adjoining property's floor area to construct a build-
10 ing that is larger than would be permitted on the parcel being
11 developed.

12 2. The requirements of this section shall apply to multiple dwellings
13 in a city having a population of five million or more.

14 3. No lot resulting from a merger with any other lot for tax, adminis-
15 trative, zoning, or development purposes shall create any new non-com-
16 pliance with the applicable, pre-existing zoning regulations.

17 4. Transfer of floor area from one tax lot to another shall only take
18 place subject to the following conditions:

19 (a) The transfer shall not come from more than two adjacent tax lots
20 which result in more than a twenty percent increase in floor area for
21 the receiving lot prior to any lot merger and shall not result in a lot
22 with any new non-compliance with existing zoning regulations;

23 (b) The lot or lots transferring floor area shall not have been
24 subject to a previous merger for tax, administrative, or development
25 reasons, nor shall such lot or lots have themselves previously have been
26 recipients of transferred floor area; and

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

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1 (c) The receiving tax lot shall not also be the recipient of a floor
2 area bonus for the provision of affordable inclusionary housing or
3 providing mandatory inclusionary housing pursuant to the zoning resol-
4 ution for the city of New York.

5 5. The department shall maintain a publicly accessible database and
6 map of tax lots that indicate a floor area transfer has occurred or lots
7 have been merged and include an online version of the relevant zoning
8 lot development agreement.

9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
10 have become a law.