

February 10, 2016 - 9:30AM – Council Chambers, City Hall  
City Council of New York  
The Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises  
Public Hearing on Zoning for Quality and Affordability – Application No. 20160049 ZRY

**Public Meeting Protocol**

In an effort to try to hear from as many members of the public as possible the Council will be holding two hearings on the city wide zoning proposals. Given the interest in the proposal there may be a long wait to testify but we will keep the hearing going as long as people would like to speak.

Written testimony can be sent to [correspondence@council.nyc.gov](mailto:correspondence@council.nyc.gov) if you are not able to submit testimony in person. All written testimony will be posted on our website a few days after the hearing as well.

**Information about today's hearing**

Thank you for attending today's important public hearing on a zoning text amendment submitted by the Department of City Planning. This text amendment, Zoning for Quality and Affordability (ZQA), would make a long list of changes to the NYC Zoning Resolution, such as allowing buildings with affordable or senior housing to be taller, eliminating parking requirements for affordable or senior housing that are located near subway lines, and change rules which affect the shape of new buildings.

Representatives of City agencies will first make a presentation on the proposal. This will be followed by a question and answer session by Council Members. Public testimony will likely not occur before 11:30 AM.

**General Guidelines**

- Please do not speak while others are addressing the Council Members. We would like to ensure that each speaker can be heard and transcribed accurately. Please be respectful of others.
- No clapping is allowed. Support can be indicated by waving hands in the air in a gesture similar to jazz hands or the American Sign Language gesture for applause.
- No food is allowed inside Council Chambers.
- If you require translation or any other assistance, please alert a Sergeant-at-Arms.

**Testimony Procedures**

- If you would like to speak make sure to fill out a speaker slip.
- Everyone will have a total of **three** minutes to speak on both items. While the focus of today's hearing is Zoning for Quality and Affordability, testimony on Mandatory Inclusionary Housing can be given. Please be respectful of the time limit as it will help ensure that as many people are able to speak as possible.
- Please listen for your name. The Chair may call the names of several speakers at once. Do not approach the speaker's table until your name is called. Speak clearly and identify yourself and the group you represent.
- Speakers will be called in the order in which they sign up, with the exception that elected officials will be given priority. The first five speakers in favor will be heard and given the opportunity to conclude their testimony before the next five speakers in opposition are heard. The hearing will proceed in this manner until all speakers present have had an opportunity to be heard.
- You must be present when your name is called to speak to provide testimony.

**Track the Progress of the Hearing:** A board at the front of the auditorium will display the current speaker number. Staff will also periodically post updates on the status of the order of speakers on Twitter at [twitter.com/nyccouncil](https://twitter.com/nyccouncil). See "Tech Tips for Today's Hearing" on the back of this page for more information.

**Written Testimony** may be submitted at the sign-in desk or to a Sergeant-at-Arms. Written testimony must be received no later than Tuesday, February 16, 2015. Testimony can be emailed to [correspondence@council.nyc.gov](mailto:correspondence@council.nyc.gov).

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**More information online**

The City Council website contains a description of the Zoning for Quality and Affordability proposal, the draft zoning text, various illustrative diagrams, and links to further information:

[Labs.council.nyc/land-use/mih-zqa](http://Labs.council.nyc/land-use/mih-zqa)

**Watch hearing live**

The City Council will be streaming the hearing if you would like to watch from a remote location:

[Bit.ly/NYCCvideo](http://Bit.ly/NYCCvideo)

**Live updates on Twitter**

Throughout the day, City Council will periodically display the current speaker number live on Twitter. To view the updates, go to the City Council's Twitter page:

[twitter.com/nycouncil](http://twitter.com/nycouncil)

- You can also download the Twitter app to your phone at [twitter.com/nycouncil](http://twitter.com/nycouncil)
- A Twitter account is not necessary to view the updates. You can also see our feed in a web browser at [twitter.com/nycouncil](http://twitter.com/nycouncil)

**Send testimony electronically**

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