

Zoning Challenge and Appeal Form (for approved applications)

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1	Property Information Required for all cha	llenges.	
	BIS Job Number 121193519		BIS Document Number 12
	_{Borough} Manhattan	House No(s) 108	Street Name Chambers Street
2	Challenger Information Optional.		
	Note to all challengers: This form will be so	anned and posted to the Depar	rtment's website.
	Last Name Janes	First Name George	Middle Initial M
	Affiliated Organization Prepared for: The	Board of Managers of the	Keystone Condominium
	E-Mail george@georgeja	nes.com	Contact Number 917-612-7478
3	Description of Challenge Required for all	I challenges.	
	Note: Use this form only for challenges rela	ted to the Zoning Resolution	
	Select one: X Initial challenge	Appeal to a previously de	enied challenge (denied challenge must be attached)
	Indicate total number of pages submitted with	challenge, including attachments:	20 (attachment may not be larger than 11" x 17")
	Indicate relevant Zoning Resolution section(s) challenge.	below. Improper citation of the Zo	oning Resolution may affect the processing and review of this
	12-10 Floor Area, Abut, 111-20(c)(iv),	23-462 (c). Also BC 1613	.7 of the 2014 Building Code
	Describe the challenge in detail below: (continu	ue on page 2 if additional space is	s required)
	Please see attached.		

Note to challengers: An official decision to the challenge will be made available no earlier than 75 days after the Development Challenge process begins. For more information on the status of the Development Challenge process see the Challenge Period Status link on the Application Details page on the Department's website.

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Reviewer's Signature:	Date:	Time:	WO#:	

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Rick D. Chandler, P.E., Commissioner Department of Buildings 280 Broadway New York, NY 10007

> RE: Zoning Challenge 108 Chambers Block 136, Lot 26 Job No: 121193519

Dear Commissioner Chandler:

At the request of the Board of Managers of the Keystone Condominium, I have reviewed the updated zoning diagram and related materials for the new building under construction at 108 Chambers Street. My firm regularly consults with landowners, architects, community groups and Community Boards on the New York City Zoning Resolution, and I have been a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners for the past 21 years.

This challenge is similar to one filed on February 24, 2018. It is being filed again because a new ZD1 posted on March 23, 2018 is materially different from the one on which the February 24, 2018 challenge was based. The Department does not need to answer the February zoning challenge as all still relevant arguments are repeated herein.

Summary of findings

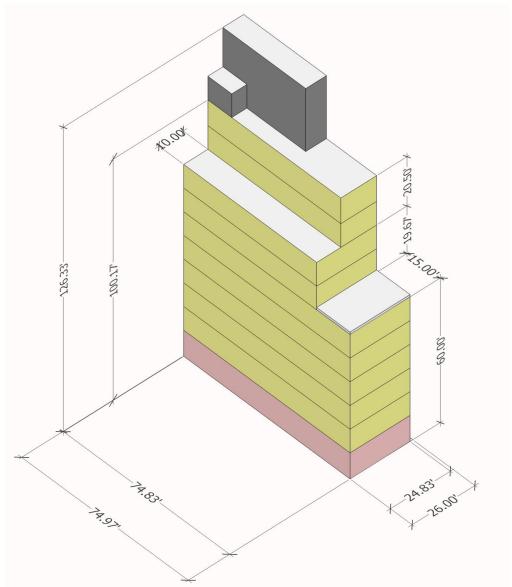
There are three serious errors and concerns:

- 1) The building may be too big for its zoning district;
- 2) The building has a side yard that is too small;
- 3) The Church Street base height is too high. The building must match the base height of the adjacent building.

Project summary

The proposed building is on a corner lot at the intersection of Church and Chambers Streets. The zoning district is C6-3A and the lot is located in the Tribeca Special Mixed Use District in Area 3. The maximum FAR of this district is 7.52. According to the ZD1, the lot is 1,947 SF. At 7.52 FAR, the building may be 14,641 zoning square feet.

The following shows an axonometric view of the building my office modeled using the ZD1 and a full set of zoning drawings.



Axonometric view of the building proposed in traditional land use colors

Since the building is only 24'10" wide along Chambers Street, the building proposed is height limited by the sliver rule 23-692, as modified by the Special District.

Error 1: The building may be too large

The following shows the floor area schedule in the ZD1:

Floor Number	Building Code Gross			Zoning Floor	Area (sq. ft.)		
Floor Number		Use Group	Residential	Community Facility	Commercial	Manufacturing	FAR
CEL	300	6					
MEZ	430	6					
001	1842	6			1787		.9
002	1842	2	1675				.8
003	1842	2	1675				.8
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005	1842	2	1675				.8
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007	1489	2	1332				.6
008	1489	2	1344				.6
009	890	2	743				.3
010	890	2	-743				.3
ROF	300	2	300				,1
Totals	18392		12837		1787	***************************************	6.8

4 Proposed Floor Area Required for all applications. One Use Group per line.

Proposed Floor Area Table from the ZD1. The number circled in red is not the sum of the column.

Total Zoning Floor Area

14624

The gross floor area (GFA) number circled in red is not the sum of its column. When this column of numbers is summed, the total is 16,840 GFA, a difference of 1,552 SF! Further, the FAR column, while it sums, is not accurate. If the building is 14,624 ZFA and the lot area is 1,947 SF, then this building is constructed at 7.51 FAR, not 6.8. It appears the applicant truncated the FAR calculation for each floor to one digit and then summed that number, producing a number more than 0.7 FAR smaller than the building proposed.

Further, the building described in the plan does not equal the numbers shown in this table. For example, the plan shows a floor plate for the first six floors that is a perfect rectangle, 74.83' long by 24.83' wide. Area calculations (i.e. length multiplied by width) for the first six floors shows that each of these floors should equal 1,858 GFA. The ZD1 shows a number 16 GFA smaller for each floor. While 16 SF is not a large number, a single floor is nearly enough to push the proposed building out of FAR compliance and there are six of these floors.

The area shown in plan must match the area shown in this table; the numbers must sum and must be accurate. This is not too much for the Department to ask from its applicants and I look forward to reviewing a revised ZD1 that demonstrates compliance.

Error 2: There is a side yard that does not comply

The plan shows that the building is proposed to be 24.83 feet wide on a lot that is 26 feet. There is a gap between the proposed building and its neighbor that is 14

inches wide. Since the building is already under construction, the gap is clearly visible from the street:



Photograph of the side yard between 108 and 110 Chambers taken April 30, 2018.

Most of the gap is hidden behind the plywood and it appears to be the 14 inches shown in plan. ZR 23-462 (c) notes that while side yards are not required, if they are provided they need to be at least eight feet.

The Department issued a Building Bulletin (2016-011) to address the conflict between seismic gaps required by the building code and ZR 23-462 (c). That Building Bulletin states:

When a structural separation not exceeding the minimum width required by the Building Code is provided, the building shall be considered built on the side lot line and would not

set off the Zoning Resolution minimum required width.

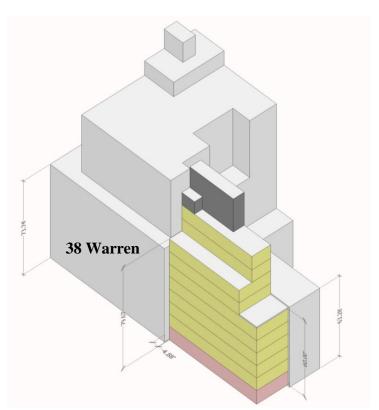
BC 1613.7 of the 2014 Building Code calls for 1 inch of seismic separation for each inch of height. This building is 126.33 feet to the top of the mechanicals, requiring a seismic separation of less than 3 inches but 14 inches is provided. This building, therefore, has a side yard of nearly 1 foot. It does not comply with 23-462(c).

Error 3: The base height is too high

The special district requires that the building base match the height of an adjoining building:

The maximum height of a #street wall# before setback shall be 85 feet or the height of an adjoining #building# fronting on the same #street line# with a height of at least 60 feet, whichever is less. (111-20(c)(iv)).

The following shows 108 Chambers in context with neighboring buildings taken from New York City's 3D LIDAR model:¹



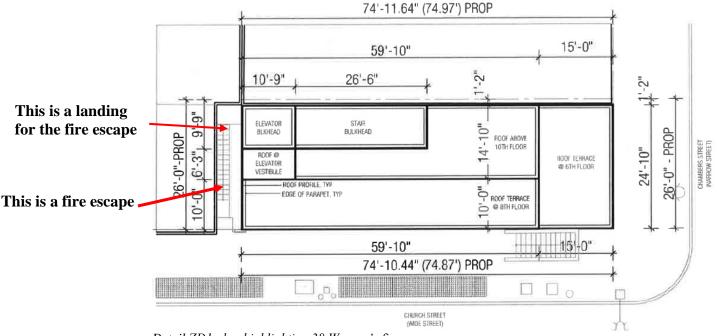
Axonometric view of proposed building (colored) shown with neighboring buildings. Dimensions from 3D LIDAR model or from ZD1.

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¹ The ground elevation of the new building was taken from the ZD1. Its ground elevation is substantially higher than both adjoining buildings. This means that, even though 110 Chambers is shown with a streetwall of 63 feet, it matches the streetwall of the proposed building at 60 feet.

The proposed building clearly does not match the base height of 38 Warren and the ZD1 claims this is not an adjoining building. This is not accurate, however, as 38 Warren adjoins the new development.

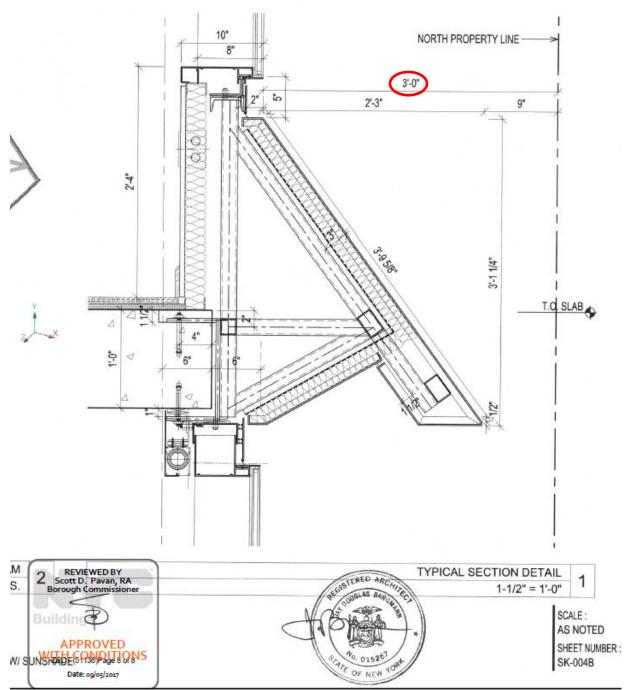
In case the Department needs more evidence, however, please see the plan from the ZD1 below:



Detail ZD1 plan highlighting 38 Warren's fire escape

38 Warren has a fire escape that fills in the small non-complying space between the new building and the exterior building wall of 38 Warren. Fire escapes are permitted obstructions in outer courts, like this one.

On September 5, 2017, the Department issued Zoning Resolution Determination (ZRD1) #51136 for a building at 249 East 62nd Street. In that ZRD1 (and the ZD1 for the same building), the Department found that a permitted obstruction (in that case, a solar shading device) functioned as the exterior of the building for determining if there is an open area at the lot line. A diagram from that ZD1 is shown below:



Detail from page 8 of ZRD1 #51136 (249 East 62nd Street) showing how permitted obstructions and a seismic separation connect a new building to a lot line.

This diagram shows an open area 3 feet along the lot line. This is considered to comply because it consists of a permitted obstruction of 2'3" and a seismic separation of 9 inches. Despite all appearances, the Department concluded that this open area functions the same as a building for the purposes of abutting the lot line. A similar diagram can be made for the Warren Street building and its fire escape, most notably the fire escape landing. If the 62nd Street building abuts the

lot line, so does the Warren Street building and if the Warren Street building abuts, then it adjoins with 108 Chambers Street and the base heights must match.

The approvals for 108 Chambers and 249 East 62nd Street cannot both be right. The finding for East 62nd Street was clearly the result of extensive back-and-forth between the applicant and the Department and is the subject of a Zoning Resolution Determination. It was challenged, and on April 23, 2018, the Department denied the challenge. Clearly, the Department's decision on 249 East 62nd Street is purposeful. Here, the applicant just claimed that the buildings do not adjoin, perhaps not realizing that distances of less than six inches and the abutting fire escape landing count when making that determination. If so, and since the Department has affirmed that the East 62nd Street determination is correct, then it must find that the proposed building adjoins 38 Warren and the base height of the new building must match.

Close

Your attention and hard work to make New York City a better place is genuinely appreciated. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at 917-612-7478 or george@georgejanes.com.

Sincerely,

George M. Janes, AICP

George M. Janes & Associates

For:

The Board of Managers of the Keystone Condominium

Attachments: ZD1 for 108 Chambers

ZRD1 #51136 BB 2016-011





Buildings

SITE PLAN DIAGRAM

1/16"=1'-0"

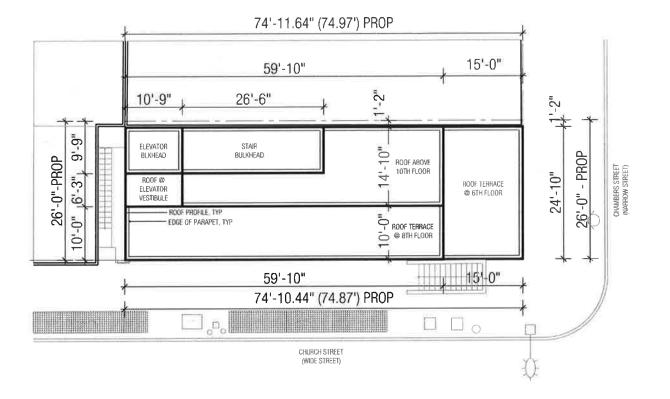
LOT AREA = 1,947 SF

LOT COVERAGE = 100% AS PER ZR

NO REAR YARD AS PER ZR 32-26/33-301

NO SIDE YARDS AS PER ZR 33-25

(4) STREET TREES REQ'D AS PER ŽŔ-33-03(a)/26-41 - TREES TO BE LOCATED OFFSITE



LEGEND

C6-3A

R9A EQUIVALENT

SPECIAL TRIBECA MIXED USE DISTRICT (AREA A3)

NOT IN HISTORICAL DISTRICT

NOT LANDMARK BUILDING

PROPOSED BUILDING ZONING LOT LINE

121193519

Submitted to resolve objections stated in a notice of intent to revoke issued pursuant to rule 101-15. Yes □No

ZD1 Zoning Diagram

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Location Information

House No(s) 108

Street Name Chambers Street

Borough Block

Lot

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Manhattan 136

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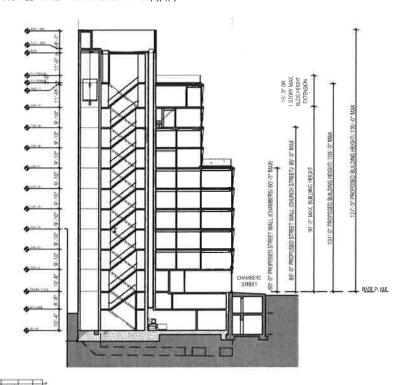
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PLAN EXAMINER SIGN AND DATE

SECTION DIAGRAMS

NOT TO SCALE

MAX STREET WALL = 85' AS PER ZR 111-20(C)(1)(V)



AXONOMETRIC DIAGRAM

NOT TO SCALE

23-692(c)

12-10

HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS

MAX HEIGHT OF STREET WALL: 85', OR THE HEIGHT OF AN ADJOINING BUILDING FRONTING ON THE SAME STREET LINE WITH A HEIGHT OF AT LEAST 60', WHICHEVER IS LESS.

PROPOSED STREET WALL @ CHURCH STREET: 85'-0" (NO ADJOINING BUILDING) COMPLIES

COMPLIES PROPOSED STREET WALL @ CHAMBERS STREET: 60'-0" (BASED ON ADJOINING BUILDING)

SETBACK REQUIRED: 15' ON NARROW STREET, 10' ON WIDE STREET 111-20(c)(2) COMPLIES SETBACK PROPOSED @ CHAMBERS STREET (NARROW STREET) = 15'

SETBACK PROPOSED @ CHURCH STREET (WIDE STREET) = 10' COMPLIES 111-20(c)(2) MAX BUILDING HEIGHT

> SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR NARROW BUILDINGS. A BUILDING OR PORTION OF A BUILDING MAY BE CONSTRUCTED ABOVE THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STREET WALL PERMITTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-692, PROVIDED SUCH PORTION OF A BUILDING EXCEEDING SUCH HEIGHT LIMITATION DOES NOT EXCEED A HEIGHT OF ONE STORY OR 15', WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND PROVIDED SUCH PORTION OF A BUILDING IS SET BACK AT LEAST 10' FROM THE STREET WALL OF THE BUILDING FACING A WIDE STREET, AND 15' FROM THE STREET WALL OF A BUILDING FACING A NARROW STREET

HEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR NARROW BUILDINGS OR ENLARGEMENTS...PORTIONS OF BUILDINGS WITH STREET WALLS LESS THAN 45 FEET IN WIDTH SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED ABOVE THE FOLLOWING HEIGHTS

FOR CORNER LOTS BONDED BY AT LEAST ONE WIDE STREET, A HEIGHT EQUAL TO THE WIDTH OF THE WIDEST STREET IT FRONTS, OR 100', WHICHEVER IS LESS.

WIDTH OF WIDEST STREET ON WHICH LOT FRONTS (CHURCH STREET): 90' (BASED ON AVAILABLE SOURCES AND CONFIRMED BY SURVEY

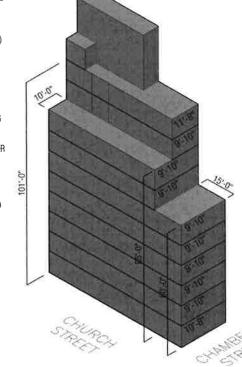
90' (PER 23-692(c)) + 15' (PER 111-20(c)(2)) = 105'

111-20(C)(1)(i) PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS

33-42 (F1) STAIR BULKHEADS (INCLUDING SHAFTS OR VESTIBULES)

'STREET WALL' DEFINITION - A STREET WALL IS A PORTION OF A WALL OF A 'BUILDING'

FACING A 'STREET'



Project Name: Building Enlargement



ZD1 Zoning Diagram

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Sheet 2 of 2

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	Business Address	142 West 57th Street				Business Fax		
	City	New York s	tate NY	Zip	10019	Mobile Telephone		
	E-Mail	jeremy.singer@woods	sbagot.co	om		License Number	034573	
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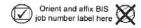
Total Zoning Floor Area 14624

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ZRD1: Zoning Resolution Determination Form



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ZR Section: 23-44, 12-10	0-4-0	705.2		ther:
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Date: 09/05/2017

5 Description of Request (additional space is available on page 3)

Note: Buildings Department officials will only interpret or clarify the Zoning Resolution. Any request for variations of the Zoning Resolution must be filed with the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) or the Department of City Planning (DCP).

Please itemize all attachments, including plans/sketches, submitted with this form. (attachment may not be larger than 11" x 17")

If request is based on a plan examiner objection, type in the applicable objection text exactly as it appears on the Objection sheet and include a copy of the Objection sheet in the submitted Pdf.

Respectfully request a variance to permit a proposed building projection along the North lot line of a new building as indicated by DOB objections dated 3/17/2017 and stated as follows:

Page 37 - Show compliance with requirements of BC 705.2.

At issue is a proposed building projection (awning) along the North exterior wall which is setback from the adjacent property (Tax Lot 28). The proposed projection is in keeping with the general design for the building elevation and represents an integral element in the design of the proposed exterior wall design; the proposed projection distance of the awning is 25 inches in compliance with ZR 23 - 44.

All issues related to protected and unprotected openings along the side lot line have been addressed through the plan examination process and in compliance with BC Table 705.8 and BB 2015 - 017.

All issues related to zoning projections and open areas along the side lot line separation have also been addressed. The proposed design is a permitted projection in a side yard as per ZR 23 - 44 and is not considered to be lot coverage as per the definition of Lot Coverage in ZR 12 - 10.

Accordingly; BC 705.2 indicates that building projections must meet one of three solutions whichever provides the least projected dimension.

Note: Buildings Department Determination will be issued on the ZRD1 Response Form

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7 Description of Request (use this section if additional space is required for description)

The North exterior wall above 150' feet above grade is to be setback off the North side lot line a minimum distance of 3 feet; the total height of the building will be 510'-0" to the top of the mechanical bulkhead enclosure. Allowing for 11 inches of the 3 feet needed to accommodate the mandated seismic separation distance of 1" / 50 feet ratio the remaining distance is 25 inches which is for the building projection (awning) from the building.

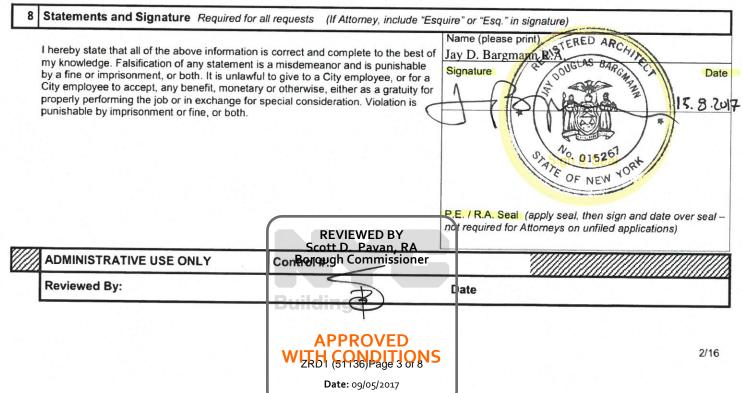
Using the criteria established under BC 705.2 the maximum allowable building projection would be 18 inches (1/2 the distance from the exterior face of the wall to the tax lot line where the building is provided with full sprinkler protection). This provision does not allow for the required seismic design separation which effectively shifts the tax lot line by 11 inches in regard to our site conditions as per BC 1613.7; in practice then the proposed shifted separation distance is 25 inches.

Applying the criteria under BC 705.2 would limit the proposed projection to 12.5 inches. This represents a hardship created by conflicting Building Code and Zoning Resolution requirements; a 12.5 inches projection would create a non-complying side yard condition.

The proposed projection therefore addresses the conflicts and represents the minimum projection in order to comply with the mandatory seismic separation distance and to eliminate the conflict for zoning related to an open area along a side lot line.

We therefore respectfully request that a variance be granted to allow for the projected awning along the North lot line as indicated in the design drawings.

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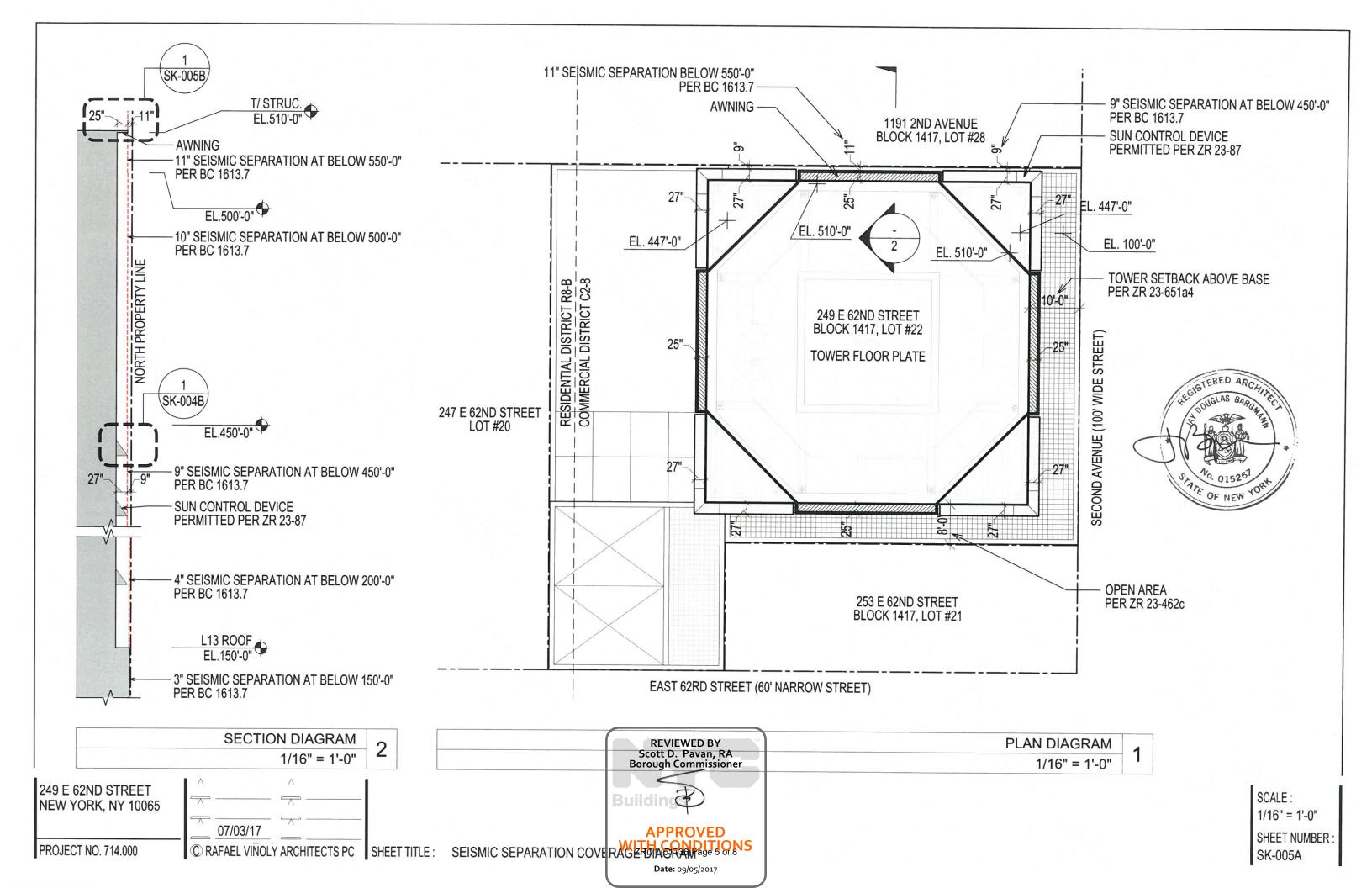


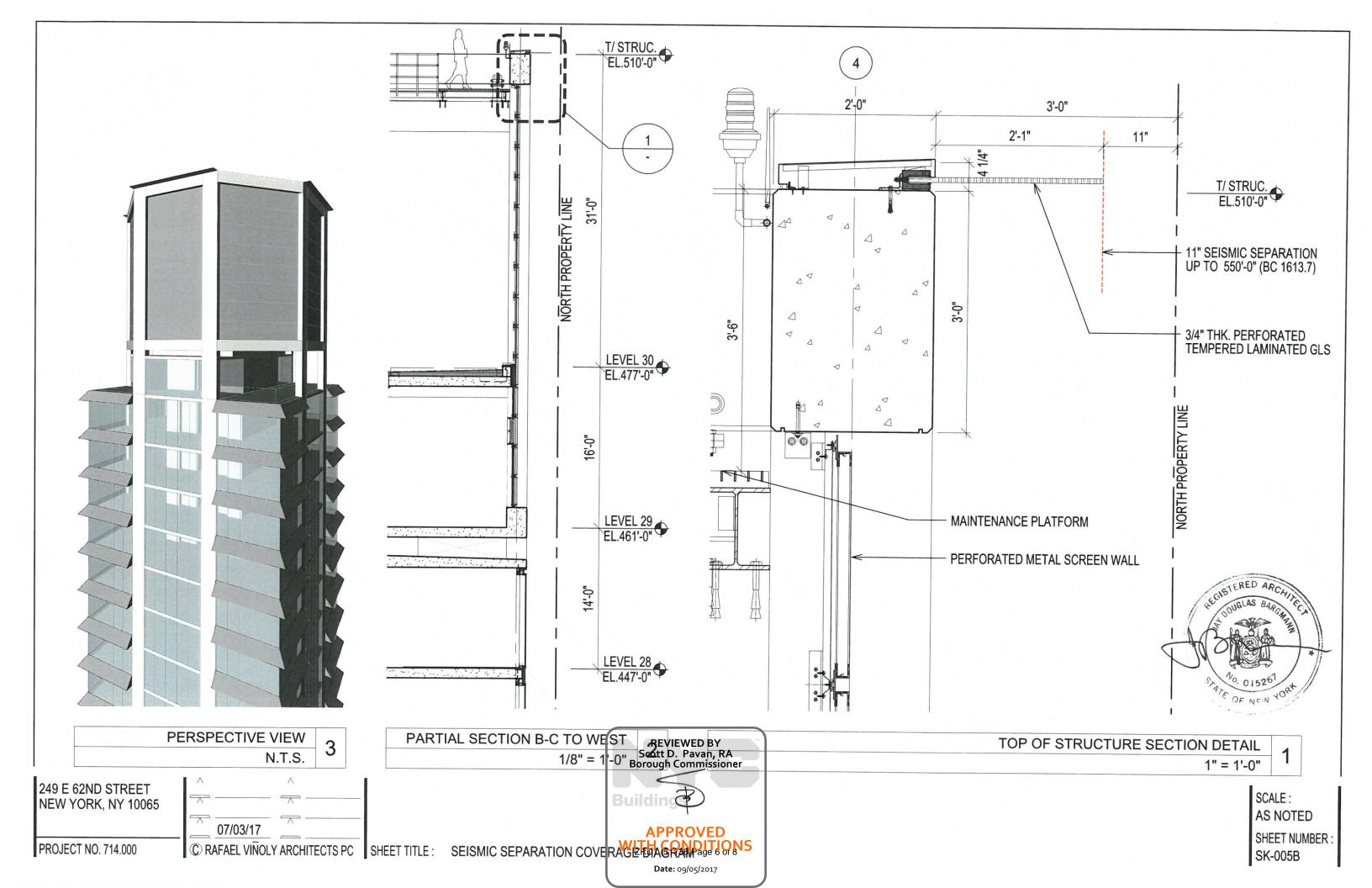
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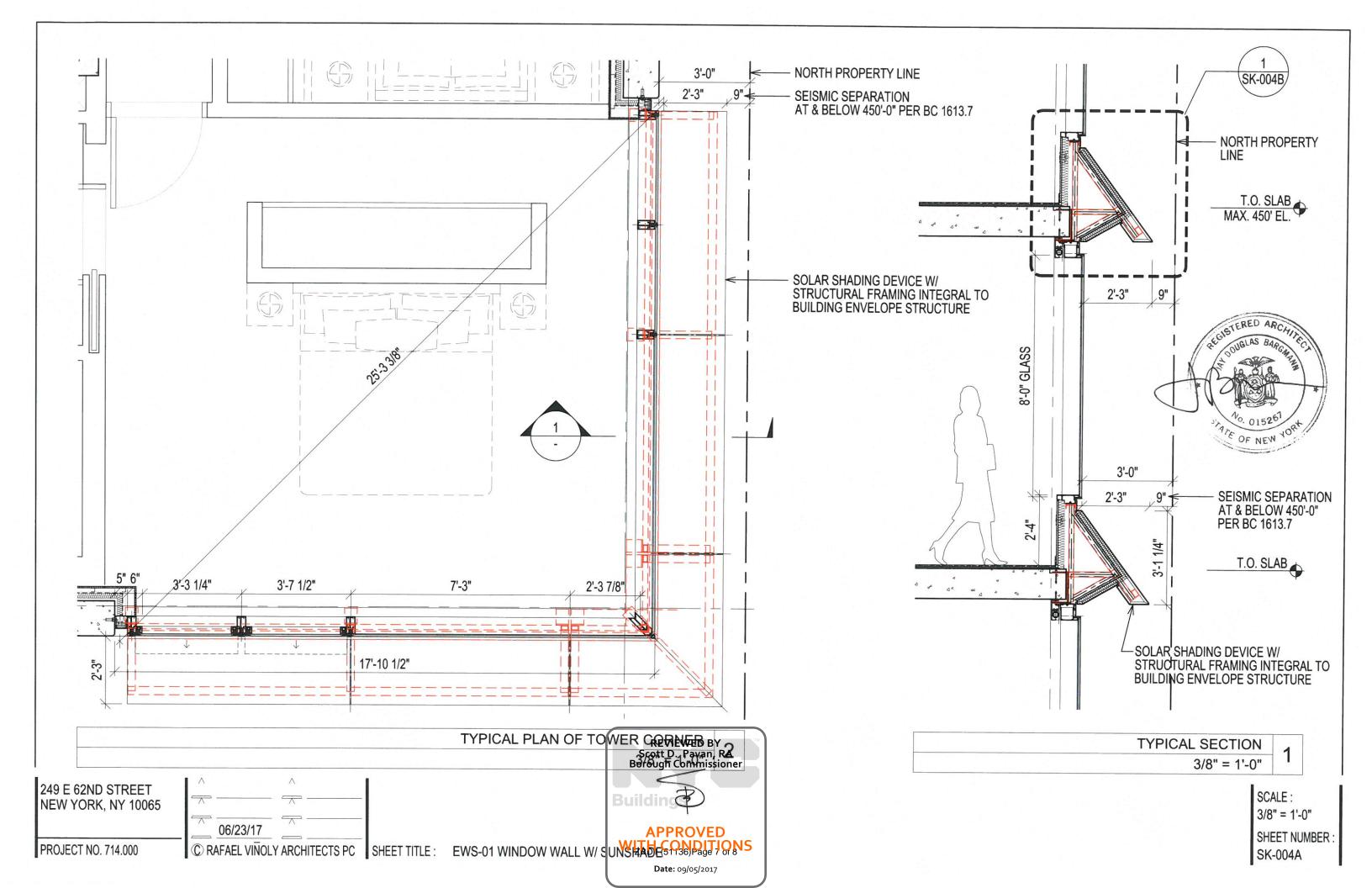
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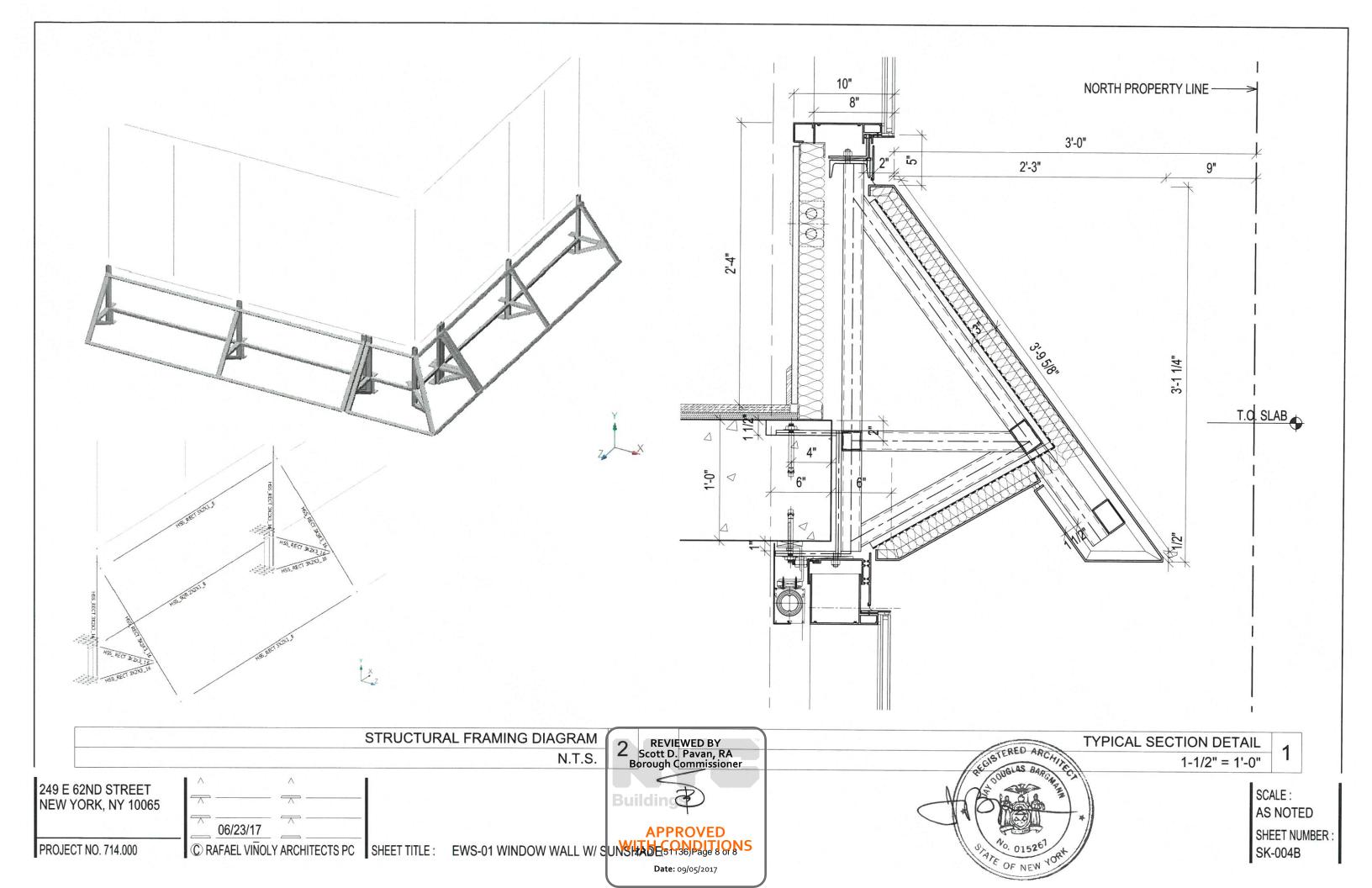
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required in BC 1613.7 of the 2014 Building Code

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Section(s): BC 1613.7.3 ZR 43-25

Subject(s): Earthquake, structural separations; Earthquake loads, structural separation; Zoning Resolution,

side yard regulations; Zoning Resolution, floor area; Zoning Resolution, open space

Background

The Building Code requires structures to be separated from adjacent buildings to limit the structural and nonstructural damage caused by pounding from adjacent buildings during an earthquake. The Zoning Resolution requires buildings in certain districts to be built either on the side lot line or, if any opening is provided, to be built after providing a required open area. Thus, required structural separations for earthquake loads would create an open area along the side lot line and thereby a minimum required open area width could be triggered.

Specifics

In certain zoning districts, as delineated by the Zoning Resolution, no side yards or open areas along a side lot line are necessary. However, if an open area extending along the side lot line is provided, it must be of a minimum width. BC 1613.7 of the 2014 Building Code calls for a minimum one (1) inch of separation for each 50 feet of total building height from a property line not common to a public way (such as a side or rear lot line), and this structural separation may be applied incrementally over the height of the building.

When a structural separation not exceeding the minimum width required by the Building Code is provided, the building shall be considered built on the side lot line and would not set off the Zoning Resolution minimum required width. This structural separation would neither be considered floor area nor would it qualify as required open space for the purpose of the Zoning Resolution.

Furthermore, the structural separation shall be closed on all open sides to prevent unauthorized access and covered as required in BC 1613.7.2 and, for spaces wider than five (5) inches, in BC 1613.7.3. This space shall not be used for any ducts, duct terminations, conduits, or other equipment. If the space is fully enclosed, ventilation should be provided, as determined by the applicant. If the space is only partially enclosed, adequate storm drainage shall be provided in compliance with Chapter 11 of the Plumbing Code.

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