§ 910.18 Vehicular circulation and storage systems.

(a) Improvement of the existing vehicular storage and circulation system is necessary in order to create the balanced transportation system called for in the Plan, which recognizes the need to maintain air quality, to encourage the use of mass transit, and to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading to make development economically viable.

(b) The general policies of the Corporation are as follows:

1. To reduce impedance to traffic movement created by service vehicles by requiring well-integrated off-street loading facilities in terms of location of loading berths and access points on a block-by-block basis;
2. To control the number of vehicles in the Development Area by limiting the number of parking spaces per development; and
3. To encourage the use of public transportation by linking new development to transit stops through the system of pedestrian ways.

Subpart C—Standards Uniformly Applicable to the Development Area

§ 910.30 General.

In addition to the specific requirements and recommendations contained in Square Guidelines for the applicable coordinated planning area, the Standards set forth in this subpart C are uniformly applicable to any development within the Development Area.

§ 910.31 High architectural quality.

Development must maintain a uniformly high standard of architecture, representative of the best contemporary design and planning concepts. Great care and sensitivity must be shown in the architectural treatment of new buildings, particularly in terms of massing, facade design (including materials, composition, and detailing), the ground floor and sidewalk pedestrian environment, interior public spaces, and provisions for pedestrian and vehicular access. Special design considerations for each coordinated planning area are set forth in Square Guidelines.

§ 910.32 Historic preservation.

Rehabilitation of buildings within the Development Area, which, according to the Plan and the Historic Preservation Plan of the Corporation, are specified for preservation, shall be accomplished (a) in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s “Standards for Historic Preservation Projects”: (36 CFR part 68), and (b) consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer for the District of Columbia.

§ 910.33 Off-street parking.

(a) Off-street parking as a principal use is prohibited, although off-street parking as an accessory use in a development (such as a below-grade parking garage) is permitted.

(b) All parking spaces shall be located below grade level.

(c) The minimum number of parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with DC Zoning Regulations.

(d) The maximum number of parking spaces permitted by PADC for a development may not exceed the aggregate of the number of spaces allowed for each use within the development. The schedule of limitations for parking spaces is as follows:

1. Hotel: One parking space for each four sleeping rooms or suites;
2. Places of public assemblage other than hotels: (i.e., arena, armory, theater, auditorium, community center, convention center, concert hall, etc.) one parking space for each ten seats of occupancy capacity for the first 10,000 seats plus one for each 20 seats above 10,000: Provided, that where seats are not fixed, each seven square feet of gross floor area usable for seating shall be considered one seat;
3. Retail, trade, and service establishments: one parking space for each 750 square feet of gross floor area;
4. Residential: One parking space for each 1,2 units;
5. Offices: One parking space for each 1,800 square feet of gross floor area.

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