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**Purpose:** This document clarifies when a refuse chute may be omitted from a hotel.

**Related Code Section(s):** BC 1213.3                      1RCNY 24-01(d)

**Subject(s):** Refuse chute, trash chute, compactor

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The 1968 Building Code (pursuant to 1 RCNY 24-01(d)) and the 2008 Building Code (pursuant to Section BC 1213.3) require refuse chutes in certain multiple dwellings. Furthermore, pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Code as provided for in Section 24-119 of the Administrative Code, all new Class B multiple dwellings are required to provide a refuse compacting system.

However, in hotels that are provided with daily cleaning service, the Commissioner may accept transient hotels without a refuse chute under the following conditions:

- 1) the building is of noncombustible construction class
- 2) the hotel rooms are provided with daily cleaning service
- 3) the refuse is removed by hotel staff from each floor using a service elevator that is not accessed by hotel guests
- 4) the hotel is provided with a refuse compactor room as required by the applicable code

If any one of the above conditions is not met, a required refuse chute shall be provided. Access to such chute on any given floor shall be permitted to be located in an area that is accessible only to hotel staff, constructed in accordance with Section BC 707.13 of the New York City Building Code.