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New Noise Code Increases Height of Noise Barrier Fences

As per the Department of Environmental Protection's new Noise Code, which was enacted on July 1, 2007, noise barrier fences and construction fences are permitted to rise to 15 feet to act as noise barriers (see 15 RCNY 28-107).

In order to facilitate compliance with the noise rules, Buildings will allow fences up to 15 feet as long as the:

- Application is filed as an Alteration Type – 2
- Application is submitted by a NYS licensed Professional Engineer or Registered Architect
- Fence complies with wind loads in Reference Standard 9-5
- TR-1 for structural stability accompanies the application

The Department of Buildings allows construction fences to be up to 8 feet high using an acceptable standard design. Construction fences that do not serve as noise barriers may not exceed 8 feet high.

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