

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Department of Buildings hereby adopts the amendments to subdivision a of section 101-02 of Title 1 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York, regarding submission of construction documents.

This rule was first published on January 11, 2010 and a public hearing thereon was held on February 23, 2010.

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New York, New York



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Commissioner

Section 1. Subdivision a of Section 101-02 of Chapter 100 of title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to add a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

(3) Selected fire suppression work. In connection with the filing of applications for construction document approval, the applicant need not be a registered design professional and required plans need not be submitted for the following types of fire suppression applications which shall be classified as Limited Sprinkler Applications:

(i) An alteration to an existing sprinkler system where the total cost of the proposed work in the building does not exceed twenty five thousand dollars in any 12-month period and the proposed work is limited to the following:

(A) Replacement of parts required for the operation of a sprinkler system;

(B) Replacement of sprinkler heads, provided that orifice sizes, type and deflector positions remain the same;

(C) Changes that do not alter the type of sprinkler system;

(D) Relocation of piping that does not affect the operation of the sprinkler system;

(E) Rearrangement of not more than 20 sprinkler heads in areas presently sprinklered in light hazard occupancy, as such term is defined in reference standards, which will remain in such occupancy, provided that the addition of sprinkler heads in existing systems shall be limited to light hazard occupancies in rooms or spaces not exceeding 800 square feet (74.3 m²) requiring only one head with the maximum spacing allowed by the code, and provided that the number of new heads does not exceed a total of five; or

(F) Rearrangement of not more than 20 sprinkler heads in areas presently sprinklered in restaurant service areas classified in Group 1 ordinary hazard occupancy or mercantile areas classified in Group 2 ordinary hazard occupancy, as such term is defined in reference standards as modified by Appendix Q of the building code, which will remain in such occupancy, provided that the addition of sprinkler heads in existing systems shall be limited to such occupancies in rooms or spaces not exceeding 800 square feet (74.3 m²) requiring only one head with the maximum spacing allowed by the code, and provided that the number of new heads does not exceed a total of five.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

This rule is promulgated pursuant to the authority of the Commissioner of Buildings under Sections 643 and 1043 of the New York City Charter.

This rule amends section 101-02 to implement the provisions of Exception 4 of Section 28-104.6 of the New York City Administrative Code that authorize the Department to permit the applicant to be an individual other than a registered design professional for certain categories of work enumerated by rule. Section 28-104.6 also authorizes applications classified as limited sprinkler application to be submitted by individuals other than a registered design professional. This rule provides that the scope of occupancies that may satisfy the requirements of a limited sprinkler application in accordance with section 28-105.1, shall include certain ordinary hazard occupancies provided that the extent of work is within the limitations as prescribed.

This rule amendment facilitates the filing of an application for limited sprinkler work and hence will expedite the alteration application process for restaurant and retail occupancies in spaces that frequently undergo changes in tenancy.