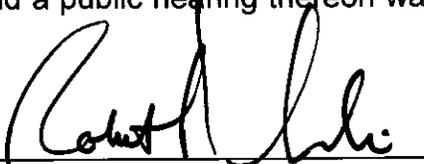


NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

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 amends Section 907-01 of Chapter 900 of Title 1 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York, regarding one-way emergency voice communication systems.

This rule was first published on March 2, 2009 and a public hearing thereon was held on April 2, 2009.

Dated: April 6, 2009
New York, New York



Robert D. LiMandri
Commissioner

Amend paragraph 6.9.10.4 of Referenced Standard NFPA 72-02, as modified by paragraph (6) of subdivision (c) of Section 907-01 of Chapter 900 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, to read as follows:

6.9.10.4 Speaker Stations. Speaker stations shall be installed in each dwelling unit and on at least every [fourth] other [floor] story in every required vertical exit enclosure.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

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

Pursuant to Local Law 33 of 2007, as codified in Sections 907.2.12.2 of the New York City Building Code, this rule establishes the technical standards for the installation of one-way emergency voice communications systems in compliance with that mandate by making additions and amendments to NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code, 2002 edition, for purposes of the application of such referenced standard in the City of New York in relation to one-way emergency voice communication systems.

The original rule, as promulgated, requires speaker stations serving one way voice communication systems to be installed on every fourth floor; whereas Section 907.2.12.2, Exception 3.2 of the Building Code requires that such annunciation devices be installed on at least every other story. Section 28-102.2 of the New York City Administrative Code states that where there is conflict or inconsistency between the requirements of the code and other applicable laws and rules, unless otherwise required, such conflict shall be resolved in favor of the more restrictive requirement. Therefore, the more restrictive provisions of the Building Code would prevail over those of 1 RCNY 907-01, as promulgated. This rule amendment is promulgated to establish consistency between the requirements of the law and this rule.