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What's New

Career Opportunities at the Department of Buildings



The NYC Department of Buildings is looking for Deputy Borough Commissioners. Visit the [Career Opportunities](#) section of our website to see some of the positions available. Our team of inspectors, engineers, architects and experts are passionate about buildings and dedicated to ensuring the safe and lawful use of all of New York City's 950,000 buildings.

Penalties Increased for Violating Stop Work Orders (SWO)

As of February 5, 2007, BISWeb will automatically identify the penalty amount for any violated SWO. In addition, no SWO will be rescinded until the fee has been paid. Here's what you need to know:

- First violation of a SWO is \$2,000
- Second violation of a SWO is an additional \$5,000
- Any subsequent violation of a SWO is an additional \$10,000

For a violated SWO that requires a re-inspection for rescission, no appointment will be granted until all associated penalties are paid. View the [service notice](#) (24 kb-pdf) for more information.

Improvements to Plumbing Self-Certification (OP-98) Notification

Beginning February 5, 2007, a [new OP-98](#) (128 kb-pdf) form for submitting Notice/Results for Self-Certification of Plumbing, Sprinkler, Standpipe Inspections and Tests will be available to offer contractors additional time slots for inspection appointments. In addition, the new OP-98 offers more frequent inspection times and additional hours. View the [new instructions](#) (17 kb-pdf) and the [service notice](#) (27 kb-pdf) for more information.

Microfilmed Plans Required for Subdivision Applications Sign-off

To streamline our services, effective February 7th, all five boroughs will require all approved subdivision applications to be microfilmed before receiving a completed status ("U") in Building Information System (BIS). Once your folder is complete, with microfilmed plans, the subdivision job status will be updated in BIS. View the [service notice](#) (25 kb-pdf) for more information.

Buildings Around Town

Commissioner Lancaster Receives Visionary of the Year Award

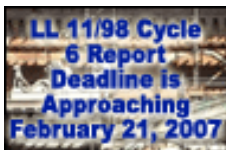
On Thursday, January 18, 2007, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster, FAIA, was awarded as the Visionary of the Year at the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) Annual Awards of Excellence Dinner. The award is given to an individual whose vision captures people's imagination, inspiring others to create a better environment in New York City. IFMA is an association of workplace professionals engaged in the design, construction, and management of the built environment. View [photos](#) from the event.

Reminders

Upcoming Deadlines



February 2, 2007: [Appeals and protests to the FEMA proposed Flood Insurance Rate Maps](#). Check our website for more information and [instructions to submit an appeal or protest to FEMA's preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps \(FIRMs\) and Flood Insurance Study \(FIS\)](#) through the NYC Department of Buildings.



February 21, 2007: LL 11/98 Facade Report. The [Local Law 11/98 Facade Inspection](#) and Facade repairs must be completed and submitted to the Department of Buildings. Don't wait until the deadline. File today!

Did You Know?

Did you know that drafted chapters of the Model Code are now available online? To date, 17 chapters and appendices have been posted online - with more on the way. Click [here](#) to view these available chapters.

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