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What's New



Model Code Team Reaches Milestone

The [Model Code Team](#) has been hard at work drafting the chapters of the new NYC Construction Codes and recently reached the half-way mark of drafting the new codes, with over 30 chapters drafted. These final [draft chapters](#) and appendices are available online for you to review as the team prepares the final submission for the City Council. In addition, each new chapter is accompanied by an easy-to-read "Section by Section" summary of key changes from the current code. Not far behind, the rest of the drafted chapters will be posted online throughout the month of March. Going forward, the Model Code Team will continue its outreach efforts to local professional groups to ensure a smooth transition for all.

New Automated Required Item for Sidewalk Sheds

Effective March 19th, to ensure proper lighting on all sidewalk sheds, [BISWeb](#) will automatically require proof of an associated electrical permit or electrical job number for all sidewalk shed applications. View the [service announcement](#) (23 kb-pdf) for more information.

Buildings Around Town

Buildings Presents to the American Council of Engineering and Queens AIA

On March 8th, First Deputy Commissioner [Robert LiMandri](#) and Benjamin Jones, Assistant Commissioner of the [Model Code Program](#), spoke to the [American Council of Engineering Companies of New York](#) (ACEC). The presentations included a review of the past year and new initiatives Buildings has implemented to streamline processes and increase enforcement efforts. The ACEC serves as a voice for New York's engineering companies and acts as an advocate for engineers. View a [picture](#) from the event.

Continuing outreach efforts on the Model Code effort, First Deputy Commissioner LiMandri and Assistant Commissioner Jones also spoke to the [Queens American Institute of Architects](#) on

March 13th. View [pictures](#) from the event and email the [Model Code Team](#) if you have any questions about the upcoming submission of the new [NYC Construction Codes](#).

Join us for Homeowner's Night



Are you looking to renovate your home? If you intend to do work on your home - or if you are in the process of renovating - we invite you to come to our Homeowner's Night. Every Tuesday, the Buildings Department opens its doors exclusively for homeowners in all [five boroughs](#) from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. During this time staff is available to provide homeowners with one-on-one assistance. View the [homeowners guide](#) (270 kb-pdf) to learn about additional resources available for learning about your property. See you there!

Training & Workshops

PlaNYC Panel Discussion



New York University is hosting a discussion on New York City's electrical grid on March 19th. A panel of private and non-profit sector executives from various disciplines will join together to discuss how NYC can upgrade its electrical grid to avoid blackouts, reducing prices and greenhouse gas emissions. For more information on this event, and how to RSVP, view the [flyer](#) (2, 452 kb-pdf).

NYSA Professional Technical Forum



On March 29th, the [New York Society of Architects](#) (NYSA) will host its 25th Professional Technical Forum. At this forum, Buildings Department Director of Plumbing, Arthur Cordes, will discuss the Plumbing Code, procedures in regard to plumbing filings and upcoming Buildings initiatives. Seating is limited and reservations must be received in the Office of the NYSA, by 3:00 p.m. on March 23rd. View the [NYSA flyer](#) (26 kb-pdf) for more information.

Reminder

Job Fair for Inspectors Tomorrow



On Thursday, March 15th, the Buildings Department will host a [Job Fair](#) (75 kb-pdf) for Inspectors. We are looking for Boiler, Plumbing, Elevator and Zoning inspectors to join our team. Visit us tomorrow at 280 Broadway, 6th floor in Manhattan from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to learn more about the [opportunities](#) and [benefits](#) at Buildings. Not an inspector? View other [career opportunities](#) available.

Did You Know?

Did you know that you can check [BISWeb](#) to determine whether a Stop Work Order (SWO) is active on a property? Following the issuance of a permit and prior to beginning any work, you should always check BISWeb to determine whether a SWO is active on the premises. To discuss how to lift a SWO, contact the [Construction Unit](#) in your local [borough office](#). If any work is performed in violation of an active SWO on the premises, both the owner and contractors may be subject to additional [violations and fines](#) (44 kb-pdf) that carry a legislated minimum penalty of \$2,000.

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