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## What's New

### Mayor Bloomberg and Buildings Commissioner Lancaster Announce Completion of the Proposed New NYC Construction Codes



On Thursday, May 3, 2007, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster announced the submission of a landmark modernization of the Building Code, the first since 1968, to the City Council for review and consideration. The proposal overhauls all aspects of the City's construction codes, including the Building Code, setting new standards and rules in order to emphasize safety, efficiency and sustainability. To learn more,

review the [benefits of the proposal](#) or visit [www.nyc.gov/buildings](http://www.nyc.gov/buildings) to read the [drafted chapters](#). Missed the announcement? See the Mayor's [press release](#) and [photos](#) from the event.

## Buildings Around Town

### Construction Safety Week 2007



Last week, Buildings held [Construction Safety Week](#), to heighten awareness of safe and compliant construction practices. The week was kicked-off with the announcement of an [Alliance](#) with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to formalize a commitment to cross-train inspectors, share data, and conduct joint outreach to workers.

Also during Safety Week, Buildings and OSHA along with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, teamed up at the [Bay Parkway Worker Center](#) to distribute safety information to workers and to talk to them about their rights to a safe work site. [Other Safety Week events](#) included educational forums on safe demolitions, structural assessments, and the proposed safety enhancements in the new NYC Construction Codes. Wrapping the week up, Commissioner Lancaster announced the new [Construction Superintendent Rule](#), which will ensure that construction sites are supervised by qualified individuals with the appropriate knowledge of construction and risk-prevention. View [photos](#) from Safety Week 2007. Interested in participating in Construction Safety Week next year? [Email us](#) for more information.

## Reminders

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### Electrical Pre-filing Phase Out

With the addition of improved technology and new services such as [eFiling](#), pre-filing for Electrical permits has been phased out and pre-filed applications (BEC-56) are no longer accepted. Moving forward, one must submit an [Electrical Permit Application](#) (ED-16A rev 3/07). View the [service announcement](#) (32 kb-pdf) for more information.

### Alteration Repair Application Workshop

On Thursday, May 17th and Thursday May 24th, the Department of Buildings is offering a workshop on the recently revised Alteration Repair Applications ([ARA-1](#)) Form and the filing procedures associated with the new form. View the [flyer](#) (39 kb-pdf) for more information, and join us on:

Thursday, May 17th or Thursday, May 24th  
280 Broadway, 6th Floor Training Room  
10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

## Did You Know?

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Did you know that Buildings maintains a close partnership with the Department of Investigation to continue to keep the spotlight on integrity? View our [Code of Conduct](#) to learn more about the ethical standards by which we are proud to conduct business. Promoting integrity, quality service and professionalism are among Buildings' highest priorities.

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