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What's New

Buildings Awarded 2007 Oliensis Ethics in City Government Award



Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster, FAIA today accepted the 2007 Sheldon Oliensis Ethics in City Government Award on behalf of the Department, an annual award given by the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board to an agency that demonstrates a commitment to the promotion of ethics and integrity. The Board voted to present the award this year to the Buildings Department in recognition of its dedicated efforts to infuse integrity, accountability, and efficiency into its operations. To learn more about the agency's ethical standards, view the Buildings [Code of Conduct](#)

handbook. View the [press release](#) for more information or see [photos](#) from the event.

B-SCAN Launches in Staten Island



Since its launch on April 30, 2007, the Buildings Scan and Capture Application Network ([B-SCAN](#)) system in Staten Island has successfully scanned and captured online, over 150 job filings. The

[B-SCAN](#) program scans virtually all contents of job folders (with the exception of plans), for the electronic processing, storage and online retrieval of documents associated with New Building and Alteration job filing applications. View the [fact sheet](#) (45 kb-pdf) for information on this new and exciting initiative.

New Standards for Private Street Lighting

Effective May 21, 2007, plans filed for the installation of "private roads," as defined in the Zoning Resolution, in any zoning district must meet new standards. These new requirements do not apply retroactively and will be applicable only to those applications for which plan approvals have not been issued for the installation of the private roads. View the [service announcement](#) (26 kb-pdf) for the new requirements.

Letter of Completion - Top Ten Tips for Obtaining Approval

To make it easier to do business with us, the Buildings Department has created an information card that provides the [top ten tips](#) (23 kb-pdf) to obtain approval for a Letter of Completion. These cards are available in all five boroughs in the Pre-Filing and Certificate of Occupancy/ Letter of Completion Unit.

Buildings Around Town

Buildings Accepts Fire Safety Directors Association Award



On Monday, May 10, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster, FAIA accepted the Fire Safety Directors Association Award for leading the multi-disciplinary team of 400 professionals who worked over the past four years to modernize the New York City Building Code.

Submitted by Mayor Bloomberg to the City Council two weeks ago, the [proposed NYC Construction Codes](#) include key provisions to strengthen fire safety and structural integrity requirements for new construction. Commissioner Lancaster was joined by Fire Department Chief Patrick Savage, who was honored for his role in the Code revision effort, to accept the award during the Association's annual New York Spring Seminar at 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza. View the [press release](#) for more information or see and [photos](#) from the event.

Training & Workshops

NYSA Professional Technical Forum



Join us on Monday, June 4, 2007, for the 26th Professional Technical Forum sponsored by the New York Society of Architects. At this Forum, Buildings Deputy Commissioner & Chief Code Engineer Fatma Amer, P.E., and Executive Architect James Colgate, R.A., Esq., will lead an introductory presentation of selected sections of the proposed NYC Construction Codes. Reservation requests for the forum must be received by 3:00 p.m. on May 30, 2007. View the [NYSA flyer](#) (31 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.

Did You Know?

Did you know the deadline to submit all [Local Law 11 of 1998](#) Reports for Cycle 6 without penalty was February 21, 2007? Late reports are subject to late penalties of up to \$150.00 per month. Read the [helpful hints for preparing LL 11/98 reports](#) (28 kb-pdf) and [top 10 reasons for notices of rejections](#) (28 kb-pdf) to ensure your report is accepted and credited.

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