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What's New

Job Fairs for Construction Inspectors and Licensed Professionals



On Monday September 10, 2007, the Buildings Department will host two [Job Fairs](#) (507 kb-pdf) at 280 Broadway in Manhattan in the 6th floor training room. The Job Fair for Construction Inspectors will be held from 12pm to 3pm and the Job Fair for Architects and Engineers will be held from 4pm to 6:30pm. Unable to attend? Visit our website for more [Career Opportunities](#) or view the [flyer](#) (507 kb-pdf) for more information on upcoming Job Fairs.

Height of Noise Barrier Fences Increased

Information You Need To Know

Under the Department of Environmental Protection's new Noise Code, enacted July 1, 2007, noise barrier fences and construction fences are permitted to rise to 15 feet to act as noise barriers. To facilitate compliance with the new noise rules, the Buildings Department will allow fences up to 15 feet as long as they meet certain requirements. View the [service announcement](#) (28 kb-pdf) for more information on the requirements.

New Sewer Connection Approvals for Jamaica Rezoning Plan

Information You Need To Know

Pending action by City Council, beginning September 11, 2007, all sewer connections from commercial, manufacturing and residential buildings occupied by four or more families in the Jamaica Rezoning Plan must be reviewed by Department of Environmental Protection before the Department of Buildings will process a permit. View the [service announcement](#) (29 kb-pdf) for more information.

Cranes and Derricks Processes and Procedures Guidelines

Making It Easier

To make it easier for the public to do business with us, the Cranes and Derricks unit has created guidelines for Professional Engineers and Registered Architects for filing the [CD-8 form](#) and amending Certificates of On-Site Inspection ([CD-4 form](#) and drawings). View the [guidelines](#)

(46 kb-pdf) for more information on the Cranes and Derricks processes and procedures.

Training & Workshops

NYSA Technical Forum



On September 20, 2007, the [New York Society of Architects](#) will host their 27th Professional Technical Forum. At the forum, Deputy Commissioner [Fatma Amer](#) and Executive Architect James Colgate will discuss differences between the 1968 Building Code and the recently enacted new NYC Construction Codes. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. View the NYSA [flyer](#) (22 kb-pdf) for more information.

Reminders

New Elevator Permit Posting Requirement



To increase the transparency and standardization of elevator permits, beginning September 10, 2007 the Buildings Department will require all new elevator permits be posted so they are visible to the public. Elevator permits must also remain posted until the work has been completed and signed-off. View the [service announcement](#) (23 kb-pdf) for more information.

Local Law 10/81 Deadline Approaching For Elevators & Escalators

If your building has one or more elevators and/or escalators, you must have them inspected by September 15, 2007 and file an inspection report with the Department of Buildings by October 1, 2007. For questions, please contact the Buildings Department's [Elevator Division](#).

New Flood Insurance Maps

On September 5, 2007, new [flood insurance rate maps](#) will become effective. These maps are used by the Buildings Department to ensure compliance with special construction requirements in FEMA-designated flood zones. To view a copy of the new maps, visit FEMA's web site at: <http://msc.fema.gov/>

Did You Know?

Did you know that on August 13, 2007, the New York Housing Court imposed a civil penalty of \$50,000 for elevator violations at 98 Morningside Avenue in Manhattan? The case, which was prosecuted by attorneys from the [Department of Housing Preservation and Development](#) (HPD), is the product of a new enforcement program launched by the Buildings Department and HPD to bring buildings with a history of elevator problems into compliance.

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