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What's New

Special Enforcement Plan Update



On October 26, 2007, Buildings Commissioner [Patricia J. Lancaster](#) released a progress report on implementation of the Special Enforcement Plan to raise the bar for construction standards citywide. Announced by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in July, phase one of the Enforcement Plan formed new multidisciplinary enforcement units, focuses resources on identifying and holding repeat offenders accountable and increases oversight over the professional certification program. The progress

report was delivered 115 days after funding for the Enforcement Plan was announced. To learn more, view the Special Enforcement Plan Update [press release](#) and [fact sheet](#) (28 kb-pdf).

New Technical Report: Statement of Responsibility (TR-1) Form

Making It Easier

To ensure accurate submission and certification of required controlled inspections, the Buildings Department launched a revised, streamlined [TR-1](#) Form, on October 31, 2007. The new form differentiates responsibilities between the Design Professionals and Controlled Inspection Professionals. View the [fact sheet](#) and [service announcement](#) (25 kb-pdf) for more information.

Manhattan Launches Zoning Review Program

Dedicated to Safety

As part of the Special Enforcement Plan and to ensure compliant development, beginning November 5, 2007, the Manhattan Borough Office will review all New Building (NB) applications submitted under the Professional Certification Program for common zoning issues. Once the filing fee payment is made, a Plan Examiner will review the professionally-certified job application to identify potential zoning problems before Buildings processes the application and issues permits. View the [service announcement](#) (50 kb-pdf) for more information.

Buildings Around Town

REBNY New NYC Construction Codes Event



On October 30, 2007, Deputy Commissioner for Technical Affairs [Fatma Amer](#), Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs [Phyllis Arnold](#) and Assistant Commissioner of Strategic Planning & Implementation Benjamin Jones were featured at an event hosted by the Real Estate Board of New York. Buildings staff discussed high rise construction under the new [NYC Construction Codes](#).

[REBNY](#) is a real estate trade association that promotes public and industry policies and encourages the development and renovation of commercial and residential retail property. If you would like to host an event or find more information about upcoming events in your area, email the Construction Codes team at constructioncodes@buildings.nyc.gov. View more [photos](#) from the event.

Reminder

Upcoming Holiday

Information You Need To Know

The Buildings Department will be closed Tuesday, November 6, 2007 for Election Day. Visit us online for a complete list of the Department's [Holiday Schedule](#).

Construction Superintendent Registration

Dedicated to Safety

To ensure construction sites are supervised by qualified professionals, beginning January 2, 2008, all New Building and Demolition applications for buildings up to and including 14 stories will be required to have a registered Construction Superintendent named in section 9a of the [PW-2](#) Form. On July 5, 2008, this requirement will be extended to all New Building and Demolition applications for one-, two- and three-family homes. View the [fact sheet](#) (36 kb-pdf) and [press release](#) for more information.

Daylight Savings Time

Information You Need To Know

On Sunday November 4, 2007, remember to set your clock back one hour for Daylight Savings Time.

Did You Know?

Did you know the Buildings Department publishes its own plain-language guide on the ethical standards to which all employees and customers are held? The [Code of Conduct](#), published in 2004 and 2006, establishes a zero-tolerance policy toward misconduct. For more information, view the [press release](#) or a copy online at www.nyc.gov/buildings.

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