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2008: Looking Forward

Exciting improvements are underway at the Buildings Department, and in the upcoming year we will be launching initiatives to raise the bar for New York City's construction standards, protect people who live and work in the City, and make it easier for you to do business with us. We've highlighted some of the steps we're taking in 2008 for you below.

Do you have any suggestions to help us serve you better in the year ahead? Email Buildings with your ideas and comments at operationsredesign@buildings.nyc.gov.

What's New

eFiling Expands to Construction Job Applications in February



Building upon the [success](#) of eFiling for electrical permits, we're [expanding this online system](#) (187 kb-pdf) to construction permit application filings. Beginning February 19, 2008, applicants will be able to use eFiling and its electronic interview-style process to prepare the newly-revised PW-1 Form online for initial and subsequent filings. To learn more, view the [postcard](#) (370 kb-pdf) and [letter](#) (64 kb-pdf) sent to frequent customers.

Keep reading [Buildings News](#) for more information on this important improvement in our filing process.

New PW-1 Form Introduced

Information You Need To Know

We have introduced a [revised PW-1 Form](#) (532 kb-pdf) that will complement our new eFiling system, which launches February 19, 2008. This newly-revised form is designed to collect more detailed information and has a section to indicate if the application is professionally certified. View the [user guide](#) (2,660 kb-pdf) and [fact sheet](#) (41 kb-pdf) for more information.

New PW-2 Now Available

Information You Need To Know

On January 2, 2008, we introduced a [revised PW-2 Form](#) with additional sections that support the new [Construction Superintendent](#) (41 kb-pdf), [Noise Mitigation](#) and [Electrical Permit](#) (35 kb-pdf) requirements. To ensure an easy transition, the Department will accept the new and old versions of the PW-2 Form until February 1, 2008. View the [fact sheet](#) (24 kb-pdf) for more information.

New NYC Construction Codes Become Effective

Information You Need To Know



Later this year the [New NYC Construction Codes](#) go into effect, and beginning July 1, 2008 professionals will have the option to use the [1968 Building Code](#) or the New NYC Construction Codes for new construction. While administrative provisions, such as the new violation classification and special inspections, will be mandated on July 1, 2008, the New Codes will not be mandated for all new construction until July 1, 2009. Visit the new NYC Construction Codes section of our website for more information. [Email](#) our Construction Codes Team with any questions about the New Codes.

General Contractor Registration

Dedicated to Safety

In the upcoming year, to promote public safety and ensure construction work is performed by registered, insured general contractors, all contractors who build one-, two- and three-family homes will be required to register with the Buildings Department in order to obtain a New Building permit. Registration begins in April, and registered general contractors will be required on all new building permits for one-, two- and three-family homes starting November 1, 2008. Registration is required even for contractors who already have a tracking number with a borough office.

On August 2, 2007, Mayor Bloomberg signed legislation regulating general contractors for one-, two- and three-family homes. For more information, read the Mayor's Office [press release](#). Continue reading *Buildings News* for more information about this new registration requirement.

Construction Superintendent Registration Now Required

Dedicated to Safety

**Construction
Superintendent
Registration**
Rule 48

Looking ahead, on July 5, 2008, our Construction Superintendent Registration requirement will go into effect for one-, two- and three-family home permit applications. All permit applications for New Buildings and Demolitions for buildings up to and including 14 stories already require a registered Construction Superintendent to be named on the [new PW-2 Form](#).

Announced last May, this new safety requirement further ensures construction sites are supervised by qualified individuals with the appropriate knowledge of construction and risk prevention. To learn more, view the Construction Superintendent [fact sheet](#) (41 kb-pdf) and the [press release](#).

B-FIRST: Leading the Industry in Technology

Making It Easier

In the year ahead, we will launch a newly-engineered, state-of-the-art, handheld wireless technology for all our field inspection teams called "Buildings Field Inspection Technologies" or "B-FIRST," a component of our [2006-2009 Strategic Plan](#) (2,746 kb-pdf). Buildings inspectors will provide more efficient service using the new B-FIRST system, complete with wireless handheld computers and printers, and inspection results will be fully integrated with the Department's Building Information System ([BIS](#)) [database](#). We'll include more information about B-FIRST in upcoming issues of *Buildings News*.

New Forms Coming Throughout 2008

Making It Easier

With the option of using the New NYC Construction Codes later this year, many of our existing forms will be updated, while others will be phased out during 2008. The most visible change will be a [new layout](#) (532 kb-pdf) that will standardize our forms. Keep reading *Buildings News* to learn about new, revised and eliminated forms throughout the year ahead.

Buildings Around Town

NYSA Technical Forum

On January 24, 2008, the [New York Society of Architects](#) will hold its 28th Professional Technical Forum. This forum's topic is the [New NYC Construction Codes](#) and how they differ from the [1968 Building Code](#). Buildings Department Chief Sustainability Officer Deborah Taylor, RA, LEED AP, will discuss [NYS Energy Code](#) submission requirements and be available for questions. Seating is limited and reservations must be received by 3:00 pm on January 18, 2008. View the NYSA [flyer](#) (25 kb-pdf) for more information.

Reminder



Upcoming Holiday

The Buildings Department will be closed Monday, January 21, 2008 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Visit us online for a complete listing of our 2008 [Holiday Schedule](#).

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