

— ■ This is the NYC.gov News You Requested For: "Department of Buildings News"

What's New

Buildings Experts Review Proposed Changes to ICC Codes



This month, Buildings Department code experts and [International Code Council](#) committee members James P. Colgate, RA; Deborah Taylor, RA, LEED AP; and Gus Sirakis, PE, joined other ICC committee members to review proposed amendments for the ICC's 2009 Codes. As members of various ICC committees, these experts heard public comments, discussed public proposals and voted on modifications for the Spring publication of the amendments. The

ICC develops codes used to safely construct residential, commercial and other buildings, and the ICC's Building Code has been adopted in jurisdictions in all 50 states. These Buildings experts were appointed to code development committees within the International Code Council in November, after the Department's successful passage of the [New NYC Construction Codes](#). City Council enacted the New Codes in July 2007, which are modeled after the ICC's Codes. View [photos](#) from the event.

Job Fair: Architects and Engineers

Information You Need To Know



On March 4 and 18, the Buildings Department is hosting job fairs for architects and engineers. The fairs will be held at 280 Broadway in Manhattan in the 6th floor training room from 12pm to 3pm. Those who are interested may also email their résumé to recruit@buildings.nyc.gov. Visit the [Career Opportunities](#) section of our website to view more [job postings](#) and to learn about [employee benefits](#).

Accessible Means of Egress

Dedicated to Safety



The [2008 Building Code](#) specifically incorporates guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act - currently required, but not included in the 1968 Building Code. In Chapter 10, Section BC-1007's "[Accessible Means of Egress](#)," (579 kb-pdf) *area of rescue*

assistance refers to the designated, protected area where people with disabilities may wait for instructions and rescue during an emergency. While ADA guidelines cite the same terminology and have been a requirement for builders to follow, the New Codes logically and directly incorporate this requirement.

Requirements: Master Plumbers & Fire Suppression Contractors

Information You Need To Know

Effective immediately, Licensed Master Plumbers and Master Fire Suppression Contractors may no longer change or drop a company from a license that has any outstanding Environmental Control Board fines, penalties or fees. View the [service announcement](#) (21 kb-pdf) and [OPPN 01/08](#) for more information.

PENS Enhancement

Making It Easier

To make it easier to do business with us, on April 1 we're enhancing our [Plan Examination Notification System](#) (PENS) to make scheduling plan exam appointments more efficient. Registered professionals and filing representatives who would like to take advantage of this enhancement must provide a PIN number and email address to Buildings by March 3 and can do so by filling out the [PENS Submission form](#) (35 kb-pdf). Originally scheduled for March 25, this enhancement has been pushed back to April 1 to allow more time to provide this information. Please view an informational [letter](#) (33 kb-pdf) explaining this enhancement in more detail.

Buildings News Moving Bi-Weekly

Information You Need To Know

Because we understand the high volume of emails our subscribers receive, after this week we're moving [Buildings News](#) to a bi-weekly schedule to help you better manage your inbox. This new, twice-monthly publication schedule begins March 12.

Buildings Around Town

Queens AIA Excavation Seminar

On March 11, experts from the Buildings Department's Forensic Engineering Unit will lead a discussion on safe excavation practices at the American Institute of Architects Queens Chapter's monthly meeting. Registration is required and seating is limited. View the [flyer](#) (534 kb-pdf) for more information.

Accessibility Seminar

On March 6, Keith Wen, RA, will participate in a [United Spinal Association](#) program which will focus on [Accessibility](#) in the New NYC Construction Codes. At the event, he will deliver a presentation on chapters in the New Codes that address accessibility requirements. The United

Spinal Association is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with spinal cord injuries and disorders.

Reminder

Half-Day Office Closure on February 29th

Information You Need To Know

On Friday, February 29, the Buildings Department will be closed until 1:30pm for a necessary, agencywide strategic meeting. Customer service will resume from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the top ten indicators from our [BUILD Reports](#), such as the number of inspections performed and permits issued, are posted and archived on our website? BUILD, published monthly, provides a citywide overview of the Department's performance delivering services and enforcing the Building Code and Zoning Resolution.

Visit our [Homepage](#) for more information on any of these announcements.

[Send your comments & suggestions on Buildings News](#)

To unsubscribe please go to this link:

<https://www.nyc.gov/portal/signin.jsp>

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE!