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What's New

Job Fair: Architects and Engineers



Be a part of the team that helps build New York City! On March 18, the Buildings Department is hosting a [job fair](#) (563 kb-pdf) for architects and engineers. The fair will be held at 280 Broadway in Manhattan, in the 6th floor training room from 12pm to 3pm. If you can't attend, email your résumé to recruit@buildings.nyc.gov. To view more [job postings](#) and learn more about the [benefits](#) of working at the Buildings Department, visit the [Career Opportunities](#) section of our website.

Registration for General Contractors

Dedicated to Safety

To promote public safety and ensure construction work is performed by insured general contractors, all contractors who build one-, two-, and three-family homes will be required to register with the Buildings Department to obtain New Building permits. Registration begins April 1, and will be mandatory November 1. In August 2007, Mayor Bloomberg [signed legislation](#) regulating contractors on one-, two- and three-family homes. For more information, view the General Contractor Registration [fact sheet](#) (33 kb-pdf) and Insurance Requirements [fact sheet](#) (33 kb-pdf).

Top 10 Elevator Violators Published

Dedicated to Safety



On March 5, Buildings Commissioner Patricia Lancaster announced that the Buildings Department is publicly listing the Top Ten Worst Elevator Offenders as part of a shame campaign and aggressive enforcement agenda to ensure safe and reliable elevator service and to force residential building owners with chronically defective elevators to fix them. The worst offenders are being pursued under the Department's proactive Elevator Enforcement Program, which ensures safe and reliable elevator service. The Program also includes new legislation that would significantly increase daily penalties for elevator violations. To learn more,

view the [press release](#) and Elevator Safety [fact sheet](#) (39 kb-pdf).

Licensing Unit Changes: Extended License Terms and Fee Changes

Information You Need To Know

Beginning July 1, the Licensing Unit's late application fees for Site Safety Managers and Concrete Testing Laboratories will change. In addition, Concrete Testing Laboratories' annual license renewal fees will increase. For more information, view the Licensing Fee Changes [fact sheet](#) (24 kb-pdf). Also beginning July 1, all Hoist Machine Operator, Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor and Master Plumber licenses will be extended to three-year terms and will include new fees. To learn more, view the License Term and Fee Changes [fact sheet](#) (24 kb-pdf).

Licensing Unit Changes: Updating Insurance

Information You Need To Know

The Licensing Unit will now handle all insurance renewals. Instead of going to the borough office to submit insurance renewals, these now must be submitted to the Licensing Unit at 280 Broadway in Manhattan. For more information, please view the [Licensee Guidelines for Updating Insurance](#) (358 kb-pdf).

Temporary Closure: Manhattan Borough Manager Window

Information You Need To Know

In order to efficiently complete renovations, the Manhattan Borough Manager's window will temporarily close on March 13 at 4pm. Full window service will resume Monday, March 17 at 8:30am. During this short closure, on Friday, March 14, the Department's Customer Service window will provide insurance assistance. In addition, the Records Room Customer Service window will provide After-Hours Variances at 10am and 2pm.

New NYC Construction Codes "Clean-Up Bill" Passed

Information You Need To Know

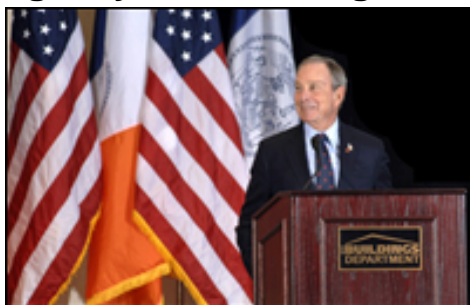


On February 27, City Council passed Intro 659A. This legislation, also known as our New NYC Construction Codes "[Clean-up Bill](#)" (2,421 kb-pdf), contains non-substantive, but necessary administrative changes to the New Codes. The Codes team has since incorporated

these changes into the electronic copy of the [New NYC Construction Codes](#), now being used by the [International Code Council](#) (ICC) and available on our website. The Bill's passage allows the ICC to complete their publication of the Codes, which should be available by May 2008.

Buildings Around Town

Agencywide Meeting



On February 29, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg joined Buildings Commissioner Lancaster at the Department's 2008 Agencywide meeting, held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in Manhattan. The Commissioner delivered a progress report on the Department's implementation of its 2006-2009 Strategic Plan, which outlines the Department's goals and objectives to improve construction site safety by building

upon the foundation of reform established during the past six years. For more information, view the [press release](#) and the [Mayor's remarks](#) from the event. View [photos](#) from the event.

Javits Code Training



On February 29, Buildings Commissioner Lancaster hosted a comprehensive public training seminar on the New NYC Construction Codes. The training seminar continued the Department's [citywide training initiative](#), launched in September 2007. More than 1,000 people attended the public seminar, which provided a working knowledge of the [New Codes](#) and the administrative changes that will accompany them when they go into effect on July 1, 2008. To learn more about the event, view the [press release](#), [presentation](#) (5,041 kb-pdf) and [photos](#). Visit the [NYC Construction Codes](#) section of our website for more information.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the [Top Ten Elevator Offenders](#) can now be viewed on our website? Using complaint data, violations, maintenance filings and field inspection records, the Department has identified the Top Ten Elevator Offenders and posted them in the [Violations](#) section of our website.

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