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BUILDINGS NEWS

What's New

Robert LiMandri Named Buildings Commissioner



On October 8, Mayor Bloomberg [swore-in](#) Robert LiMandri as Commissioner of the Department of Buildings. LiMandri, who has more than 19 years of engineering, real estate and construction management experience in the private and nonprofit sectors, has served as Acting Commissioner since April 2008 and has been part of the Department of Buildings' [senior management](#) since 2002.

New Criteria for Class C HMO Licenses

Dedicated to Safety

On October 6, Commissioner LiMandri announced [strict new criteria](#) for individuals seeking licenses to operate Class C hoist machines, commonly referred to as mobile cranes. New York City is one of only 19 jurisdictions nationwide that restricts the operation of cranes to licensed individuals. View the [fact sheet](#) (43 kb-pdf) and [how-to guide](#) (242 kb-pdf) to learn more about the new requirements that must be met to obtain a HMO Class C license.

Job Fair for Architects & Engineers

Information You Need To Know



Are you an architect or engineer looking to make a difference? Join the Buildings Department and be a part of the team that helps build New York City. On Tuesday, October 14, the Department is hosting a [job fair](#) (714 kb-pdf) from 12pm to 5:30pm in the 6th floor training room at 280 Broadway in Manhattan. At the job fair, you can learn more about [career opportunities](#) as well as [benefits](#) of working at the Department.

License Term and Fee Changes

Information You Need To Know

All Master and Special Rigger, Master and Special Sign Hanger and Tower Crane Rigger licenses will be extended to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2009. The fees for certain license types have also changed. For more information, view the License Term and Fee Changes [fact sheet](#) (24 kb-pdf).

General Contractor Registration Renewal

Information You Need To Know

General contractors registered with the Department seeking to renew their registration must now follow new [procedures](#) (22 kb-pdf). To avoid a late fee, renewal applications must be submitted 30 to 60 days before the expiration date indicated on the license card.

New Sidewalk Shed Maintenance Requirements

Dedicated to Safety

To ensure that sidewalk sheds are maintained safely over the course of a job, the Department is now [requiring](#) (49 kb-pdf) building owners or contractors to be responsible for their upkeep. The sidewalk shed company hired by the building owner will still obtain the permits to install the shed, but now the owner or contractor must be listed on the [PW2](#) as the applicant of record.

New Annual Inspection Cycle for Boilers Starting Soon

Information You Need To Know

On January 1, 2009, a [new annual inspection cycle](#) (46 kb-pdf) for boilers will become effective. To accommodate the change and the new cycle, the inspection cycle has been shortened in 2009.

Buildings Around Town

NYSA Technical Forum

As part of the [New York Society of Architect's](#) 30th Technical Forum held September 25, Alan Price, P.E., and Constandino (Gus Sirakis), P.E., delivered a [presentation](#) (873 kb-pdf) on the Department's new [Office of Technical Certification and Research](#) and the new policies for material acceptance.

Reminders

New Insurance Requirements for Contractors

Information You Need To Know

All contractors conducting business with the Department must [submit or update their insurance](#) (33 kb-pdf) with the [Licensing unit](#) by October 31. Those failing to meet this deadline will not be issued permits until they satisfy this requirement.

General Contractor Registration

Information You Need To Know



Contractors seeking to build one-, two- and three-family homes must [register](#) (31 kb-pdf) with the Department by October 31 to obtain a New Building permit. This includes general contractors who already have a tracking number with the Department.

Did You Know?



Did you know that the Department has an in-house training academy where employees can pursue advance training and continuing education credits? At [Buildings University](#), employees can participate in specialized trainings for inspector certifications that include Qualified Elevator Inspector (QEI) and National Association of Amusement Ride Safety (NAARSO), maintain Continuing Education Units (CEU) and advance their knowledge with intensive monthly trainings on the Building Code and Zoning Resolution.

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