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BUILDINGS NEWS

What's New

Buildings Commissioner Announces Executive Staff Reorganization



On October 31, Commissioner LiMandri [announced an executive staff reorganization](#) designed to further standardize Department operations across the five boroughs. As part of this reorganization, Commissioner LiMandri has appointed Fatma Amer, PE, as First Deputy Commissioner. Effective November 17:

- Deputy Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Thomas Fariello, RA, will become Acting Bronx Borough Commissioner.
- Staten Island Borough Commissioner Ira Gluckman, RA, will become Queens Borough Commissioner.
- Bronx Borough Commissioner Marshall Kaminer, PE, will become Staten Island Borough Commissioner.
- Queens Borough Commissioner Derek Lee, RA, will become Brooklyn Borough Commissioner.
- Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Magdi Mossad, PE, will become Manhattan Borough Commissioner.

Manhattan Borough Commissioner Christopher Santulli, PE, will serve in a newly-created role as Acting Assistant Commissioner for Engineering and Safety Operations.

Padlock and Closure Orders Highlighted on BISWeb

Information You Need To Know



To increase transparency, the Department is making it easier for the public to know when properties are padlocked or issued closure orders. Beginning November 10, properties with an active padlock or closure order will have an [orange banner](#) (pdf) across the BISWeb property profile, similar to the red banners

indicating properties with active Stop Work Orders.

New Regulations for HMO Class C Licenses

Dedicated to Safety

As part of [new criteria](#) that was announced in October for individuals seeking a license to operate a Class C hoist machine, applicants must obtain certification from the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO). To assist with these new regulations, the Department has created a list of [frequently asked questions](#) (pdf) that details information about obtaining NCCCO certification.

License Term and Fee Changes

Information You Need To Know

Beginning January 1, 2009, all Master and Special Rigger, Master and Special Sign Hanger and Tower Crane Rigger licenses [will be extended](#) (pdf) from one-year terms to three-year terms. The fees associated with certain licenses, including Master Rigger, Special Rigger and Special Sign Hanger licenses, will also increase.

Buildings Around Town

Commissioner Keynotes Construction Safety Panel



On October 22, Buildings Commissioner LiMandri delivered the keynote address at a construction safety panel hosted by the [Greater New York Construction User Council](#). At the event, Commissioner LiMandri discussed new protocols and regulations put in place for the construction industry and ways to make sites safer. The panel featured industry leaders as well as officials from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and other public agencies.

Reminders

General Contractor Registration

Information You Need To Know



As of November 1, contractors seeking to build one-, two- or three-family homes must be [registered](#) (pdf) with the Department to obtain a permit. Unregistered individuals or entities found building one-, two- or three-family homes are subject to violations, Stop Work Orders, criminal charges and the seizure of vehicles and construction tools.

Contractor Insurance Requirements

Information You Need To Know

LICENSE SEARCH ▶

All contractors who failed to [update their insurance](#) (pdf) with the [Licensing Unit](#) by November 1 will not be issued permits until they do so. Once this information is updated, general contractors [can be searched](#) (pdf) in the "[Search for Skilled Trades Licensees](#)" section of [BISWeb](#).

New Boiler Annual Inspection Cycle

Information You Need To Know

On January 1, 2009, a [new boiler annual inspection cycle](#) (pdf) will become effective. To accommodate the new cycle, the 2009 inspection cycle will be a shortened inspection year.

Department-Issued IDs Required

Information You Need To Know

Individuals seeking to conduct business with the Department must [register](#) (pdf) with the [Licensing Unit](#) and obtain a department-issued identification card.

New Requirements for Elevator Inspections

Information You Need To Know

With the implementation of the New NYC Construction Codes, the Department has [enhanced the inspection and filing requirements for elevators](#) (pdf). These new requirements will become effective January 1, 2009.

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