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BUILDINGS NEWS

What's New



The Department has [announced](#) that the new [development challenge process](#) will take effect on Monday, July 13. Under the new process, architects and engineers will be required to submit [diagrams](#) of new buildings and major enlargements, which will allow the public to view the size and scale of any proposed development online before construction begins. New York City is the first city in the country to put zoning diagrams online, giving greater transparency to the building process and providing more clarity to the community and developers.

The Department will conduct two zoning reviews on all New Building and Alteration Enlargement applications, and the initial public challenge period for zoning approvals has been extended from 30 to 45 days once the diagrams are posted online. To [request a determination](#), applicants must use the new [ZRD1](#) or [CCD1](#) forms. These forms must be completed in their entirety and submitted to the Borough Commissioner's office along with all relevant supporting documentation.

Buildings Bulletin 2009-009

Information You Need To Know

On June 4, the Department issued [Buildings Bulletin 2009-009](#) which clarifies the acceptance criteria for applications that comply with the [1968 Building Code](#) and are submitted between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Applications that do not meet the acceptance criteria or are submitted after June 30, 2009 must comply with the [2008 Construction Codes](#).

Development Coordinator Initiative

Information You Need To Know

The Mayor's Office has launched an initiative to help real estate developers, builders, contractors, and licensed professionals working on private developments that have been delayed because of conflicting City policies. The initiative is now being piloted in Brooklyn. For more information and to submit your Brooklyn project for consideration, visit www.nyc.gov/devcoordinator.

New Façade Requirements

Information You Need To Know

On March 27, the Department passed [Rule 32-03](#) which establishes [staggered inspection cycles](#) and new [inspection report](#) requirements for exterior walls and appurtenances of buildings greater than six stories in height. The filing window for [Cycle 7](#) submissions begins on February 21, 2010.

Sign Removal in Lower Manhattan

Dedicated to Safety



On May 28, the Department's Sign Enforcement Unit oversaw the removal of two illegal advertising signs at 174 Broadway in Manhattan. The removal, which was safely performed by a licensed master sign hanger, came after the property owner, One Maiden Lane Realty LCC, and the outdoor advertising company, OTR Media Group, Inc., repeatedly failed to comply, despite numerous violations and an order to remove. This is the first location where the Department has physically removed signs from a building.

Loft Board Transferred to DOB

Dedicated to Safety

On May 29, Mayor Bloomberg and Commissioner LiMandri [announced](#) that the [New York City Loft Board](#) will be housed within the Buildings Department instead of the Mayor's Office. Created in 1982, the Loft Board oversees the legal conversion of certain commercial and manufacturing buildings throughout the City to safe residences without the displacement of tenants.

Foundation Work Applications

Dedicated to Safety

All applications for [foundation and earthwork permits](#) that are submitted after July 1 must use the same job number as the associated New Building or Alteration application. Separate Alteration Type 2 applications for foundation and earthwork will no longer be accepted.

Contractor Registrations

Information You Need To Know

There are several different contractor registrations required by the Department that are designed to enhance the level of safety on job sites across the City.

On October 1, individuals and organizations performing or supervising certain construction projects, including new building and demolition jobs, will be required to have a [Safety Registration Number](#). Safety Registration numbers have three endorsement options: Construction, Demolition and Concrete. These endorsements indicate which types of work the individual or organization may obtain permits to perform.

Depending on the type of work you perform, your business must obtain one of the following: a Safety Registration number, an [insurance tracking number](#) or a [general contractor registration number](#). For more information, view our [General Contractor Glossary](#) or visit the [Licensing](#) section of our website.

New Cranes and Derricks Form

Information You Need To Know

The Department will be revising the Cranes and Derricks CD4 form which must be filed to obtain an on-site inspection. Beginning July 1, applicants must use the new version of this form. In addition, applicants will be required to use the new CD4 when filing new applications, amending existing applications or renewing a permit. Keep reading Buildings News for more information.

Training & Workshops

Construction Codes Seminars

Department Code experts are leading two [upcoming seminars](#) that review specific topics within the new NYC Construction Codes. On June 18, a seminar on egress requirements will be held from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Synagogue for the Arts in Manhattan. On June 25, a seminar on accessibility provisions will be held from 8:00am to 11:00am at the Center for Architecture in Manhattan.

Reminder

Registration as a Special Inspection Agency

Information You Need To Know

The Department will launch an electronic registration program for [Special Inspection Agencies](#) later this year. Registration is not required at this time as submission of a signed [TR1](#) certifies that the Special Inspector meets all qualifications. Special Inspections replaced Controlled Inspections for all construction projects approved on or after July 1, 2008.

Did You Know?

Did you know that all filing representative identification cards expire June 30? On July 1, the renewal fee will increase from \$50 to \$100.

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