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## BUILDINGS NEWS



On July 1, 2009, the new [NYC Construction Codes](#) will be mandated for all new construction. To support this transition as well as new Department initiatives, there are several important changes and deadlines that become effective on this date. These changes are outlined below. If you have any questions about these changes and deadlines, please email [operationsredesign@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:operationsredesign@buildings.nyc.gov).

### Licensing & Registration

The Department's Licensing Unit will begin accepting applications for Journeyman Plumber and Journeyman Fire Suppression Piping Installer [registrations](#).

Oil burner installer and elevator agency director, co-director and inspector licenses will receive a [three-year term](#) and must comply with new fees.

### Cranes & Derricks

Applicants will be [required](#) to use the revised [CD4 form](#), used to request an on-site inspection, when filing new applications, amending existing applications and renewing permits. A new standardized form, [CD 24](#), has been created for applicants that need to obtain a [DOT permit](#) to operate their crane or derrick.

All [Cranes & Derricks plan examination appointments](#) must be made through the Department's Call Center. Walk-in appointments will not be available after June 30.

### Safety Training at Major Buildings

All workers at major buildings must complete a 10-hour construction safety course approved by the U.S Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

## Foundation Work Applications

All applications for [foundation and earthwork permits](#) must use the same job number as the associated New Building or Alteration application.

## After-Hours Variance Applications

Applicants may [submit](#) one after-hours variance application for up to 14 consecutive days of work, provided there is no change in work type or schedule. Any change in work or schedule will require a separate application. Applications will continue to be subject to the fees outlined in [APPN #10/87](#).

# What's New

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## Concrete Manager Registration Extended

### Dedicated to Safety

The deadline to register as a Concrete Safety Manager has been extended. This [requirement](#) will apply to projects that are issued permits on or after November 1.

## Legislation to Increase Safety at Stalled Sites

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On June 11, Mayor Bloomberg, Speaker Quinn and Commissioner LiMandri unveiled [legislation](#) that will allow developers to quickly restart stalled construction sites by agreeing to increased safety standards while construction is suspended.

## New Development Challenge Process

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On July 13, the Department's new [development challenge process](#) will take effect. With this new process, architects and engineers will be required to submit a diagram of proposed new buildings and major enlargements. These diagrams will be posted online and accessible to the public via [MyCommunity](#) and [BISWeb](#). Email [operationsredesign@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:operationsredesign@buildings.nyc.gov) with any questions.

## Public Hearing

### Dedicated to Safety

On July 23, the Department will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed rule relating to [impact resistant stairs and elevator shaft enclosures](#). The hearing will be held at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor training room at Department headquarters located at 280 Broadway in Manhattan. This proposed rule seeks to amend Section 403-01 of Chapter 400 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York.

# Reminders

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## 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](#).

## Fuel Gas Code Amendment

### Information You Need To Know

On April 30, the Department [amended the Fuel Gas Code](#) to include Chapter 6000, which references the 2004 edition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code instead of the 2001 edition. This amendment became effective June 11.

## Fire Protection of Elevator Hoistways

### Information You Need To Know

On April 30, the Department adopted Chapter 3600, Subchapter Q, Section [3616-01](#) which amends reference standard NFPA 13 in Section BCQ102 of the New York City Building Code. This rule provides design standards for the proper installation of sprinkler system components within the hoistways and requires a proven safety practice based upon a nationally recognized standard. This rule became effective June 11.

## *Did You Know?*

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Did you know that there is a comprehensive list of all Department rules now available on our website? This [new webpage](#) provides up-to-date hearing information related to proposed rules, promulgation details related to final rules, and PDF copies of all proposed and final rules.

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