

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Department of Buildings hereby adopts the addition of section 3616-05 to subchapter Q of Chapter 3600 of Title 1 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York, regarding exemption from Fire Department connection requirements.

This rule was first published on October 28, 2011 and a public hearing thereon was held on December 2, 2011.

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New York, New York


Robert D. LiMandri
Commissioner

Statement of Basis and Purpose

This rule amendment is promulgated pursuant to the authority of the Commissioner of Buildings under Sections 643 and 1043 of the New York City Charter.

Pursuant to Section Q104.1 of the New York City Building Code, this rule establishes the technical standards for the installation of fire department connections as per NFPA 13R, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Height*, 2002 edition, for purposes of applying such referenced standard in the City of New York in relation to sprinkler system design.

The original standard, as modified and adopted, requires fire department connections for sprinkler systems designed for Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies in accordance with the standard. This rule removes the requirement for Group R-3 one- and two-family dwellings as such connections are not used under standard operating procedures of the Fire Department of New York City. The removal of this requirement also reduces an unnecessary cost burden on one- and two-family homeowners.

The fire department connections for sprinkler systems are typically used by the fire department to increase the water pressure within a sprinkler system. However, for one- and two-family dwellings, the domestic water supply can provide adequate pressure to the sprinkler system, and the fire department will not use the fire department connections even if they are provided in sprinkler systems serving one- or two-family dwellings. The rule reduces the cost burden on these homeowners by removing the requirement to install fire department connections within the sprinkler system.

Subchapter Q of chapter 3600 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new section 3616-05, to read as follows:

§3616-05 National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) 13R amendment relating to exemption from Fire Department connection requirements in one- and two-family residential buildings.

Pursuant to Section 28-103.19 of the New York City Administrative Code, paragraph 6.6.4 of NFPA 13R-02, as modified by Section Q104.1 of the New York City Building Code, is amended by adding language at the end of the paragraph to read as follows:

Exception: Fire department connection is not required for installations in one- and two-family dwellings.