

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 18, 1976

TO: Borough Superintendents
FROM: Director of Operations Irving E. Minkin
SUBJECT: Stair Enclosures in Multiple Dwellings

Local Law No. 8,76; effective March 1, 1976, amends section C26-604.8(1)-1(g) of the Administrative Code in regard to stairway enclosures for most multiple dwellings so as to authorize a material approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals as being equivalent to masonry, as well as having at least a two-hour fire-resistant rating.

No "equivalent" material has as yet been approved by the Board for use as stairway enclosures under the above-mentioned section of law; and, prior Board approvals of shaft enclosures or other two-hour rated partitions shall not be accepted as meeting the equivalency requirement. Examination of plans (including limited review pursuant to Directive 2/75) shall require that any substitute to masonry under this plan have a Board approval pursuant to said law subsequent to March 1, 1976.

This memorandum, which clarifies and supersedes my memo dated March 1, 1976, was necessitated by misunderstandings on the part of both manufacturers and architects as to the significance of prior Board approvals.


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