

The City of New York
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
Department of Buildings

DIRECTIVE NO. 34-1970

TO: Borough Superintendents

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FROM: J.T. Walsh, P.E., Acting Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Soil Tests for Under-Sidewalk Transformer Vaults
Sub-article 1101.0 Building Code

This directive supersedes the memorandum dated November 4, 1960, which supplemented Directive No. 17 of 1958 on the subject of "Soil Tests for Under-Sidewalk Transformer Vaults."

Applications for the installation of under-sidewalk vaults to house public utility equipment, when filed by the utility companies, shall be exempt from the requirements of sub-article 1101.0 "Soil Investigation" of the Building Code including inspections, provided that the utility company submits with the application a statement to the effect that:-

a careful inspection of the soil will be made

the installation would be made on soil of adequate bearing capacity

the utility company will take full responsibility for any settlement of such under-sidewalk vault

prompt repair will be made in the event settlement does occur

The above exemption does not apply to the present requirements regarding the structural effect of such installations on the foundation or footings of any adjoining building or structure.

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