

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

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 27, 1972

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Jeremiah T. Walsh, P.E., Commissioner

SUBJECT:

Diesel Tank and Dispensing Pump Installations in Existing Firehouses.

This memorandum is applicable only to existing firehouses constructed under the Old (1938) Building or prior codes.

Directive No. 10 of 1972 allows the provisions of the 1938 code or laws previously in force to be applied for fuel oil storage provided public safety and welfare is not endangered.

The Department of Public Works is engaged in a program to "upgrade" existing firehouses, by enclosing exits, improving the ventilation systems and installing new boilers and to provide diesel fuel oil storage facilities. The Fire Department will continue to review the plans for diesel tank installations under their Rules and Regulations, (Directive No. 6/69 dated July 7, 1969), examination by this department should be confined to "stated work only."

Examination may be limited to the "Old" Building Code Oil Burner Rules only which under definitions 2.17 cover this type of installation.

Since C26-1416.3 (a) (1) of the "New" Code, for tank capacity of 550 gallons or less, requires only that "such tanks are mounted on adequate non-combustible supports, with the tank anchored thereto," and omitting a requirement for a tank enclosure, such may be the case for firehouses.

The oil separators need not be required for these existing facilities where gasoline was previously stored and dispensed since the diesel oil replacement for gasoline is less hazardous and since under the "Old" Code they were not required unless there was storage of five or more motor vehicles.


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