

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

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 1974

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Thomas V. Burke, P.E., Director of Operations

SUBJECT: INSPECTION AND TEST OF FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS

The Department of Buildings is mandated by various provisions of law to approve, inspect, and test fire extinguishing systems.

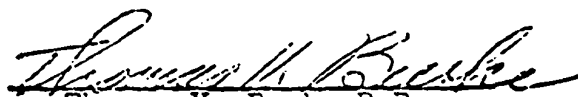
Charter 1804.4(a) and (b) - Examine, approve or disapprove plans for the installation of service equipment, and the inspection of service equipment in accordance with the requirements of law.

C26-201.0 - Definition of Service Equipment - includes fire fighting equipment.

C26-107.0 - Service Equipment
C26-109.1 - Permits required
RS 17-3 sub. 14.0

Please alert all examiners, construction inspectors and plumbing inspectors to these sections of law, and to insure that carbon dioxide extinguishing systems and other extinguishing systems are examined, inspected and tested.

Extinguishing systems protecting ventilation systems for restaurant equipment RS 13-3 and for other ventilating systems containing a required extinguishing system are to be inspected and tested by the Department of Buildings personnel. However, section C26-1301.2 b requires the Fire Department to witness the test of the extinguishing system and its control devices, certifying its acceptance prior to the issuance of a Building Department Use Permit. Inspectors are to advise applicants of this provision of law, otherwise, they may have the double expense of two tests.


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