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HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
Department of Buildings

To: Borough Superintendents

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From: Thomas V. Burke, Director of Operations

Subject: Section D26-20.07 Housing Maintenance Code
Local Law 11 of 1971

The provisions of subdivision a(1) of section D26-20.07 of the Housing Maintenance Code are to be applied without change. The provisions of subdivision b of such section are to be applied as noted below.

Subdivision a(1) of section D26-20.07 of the Housing Maintenance Code reads as follows:

"a. In every old-law tenement which is less than four stories in height:

- (1) Every door opening into any entrance hall or stair, or into any public hall connected therewith, shall be self-closing; every glazed opening or glazed panel in such a door shall be glazed with wire glass, and every transom opening upon any public hall shall be glazed with wire glass firmly secured in a closed position; and"


Subdivision b of such section provides as follows:

"b. In every old-law tenement which is four stories or more in height, every door opening into any entrance hall or stair or into any public hall connected therewith, unless such entrance hall, stair or public hall is protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system, shall be fireproof, having a fire-resisting rating of at least one hour, and every transom shall be sealed with fire-retarded materials having a fire resistive rating of at least one hour. Notwithstanding the foregoing, existing door frames in good condition may be retained."

The provisions quoted shall not apply to doors which open directly to the exterior of buildings, such as those opening on a street, yard or court; nor shall such provisions apply to the vestibule doors immediately inside of the main entrance door or doors of an old-law tenement. The provisions shall not apply to bulkhead doors and roof scuttles, or to doors required to have a fire-resistance rating exceeding one hour.

Provisions for construction of such doors and scuttles are contained in sections 35, 217, 233 Multiple Dwelling Law.

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