

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

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 1, 1971

TO: Boro. Supt. H. I. Sigman, Queens

FROM: Thomas V. Burke, Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Sprinkler Heads in Refuse Compactors
Section C26-1355.0 of 1938 Code

In your memorandum of May 25, 1971, it was stated that one-half-inch sprinkler heads were being installed in compactors with a one-half-inch electrically controlled valve. The "Rules Relating to the Construction and Maintenance of Refuse Chutes and Refuse Rooms" were cited as requiring approval of the Board of Standards and Appeals for the electrically controlled sprinklers. Section C26-1355.0 of the 1938 code was noted as requiring a minimum size of one inch diameter for a sprinkler head.

The rules and the code as cited are correct, but such requirements are not applicable, as the sprinkler head in the compactor is not required by the present or former code, nor by the rules relating to compactors and refuse rooms. Sprinklers are required, it should be noted, in refuse rooms.

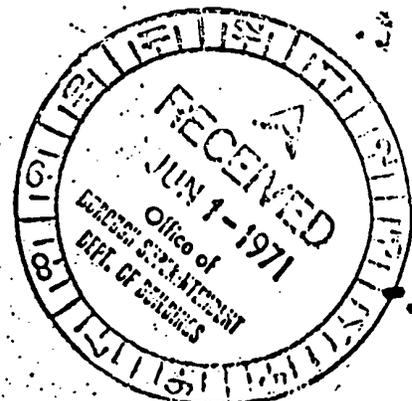
Since sprinkler heads in compactors are voluntary, the provisions of the code and rules are not applicable and they may be installed as specified, with a one-half-inch supply line and valve and without approval of the Board of Standards and Appeals for the electrically controlled valve.

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