

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

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 1974

TO: Borough Superintendents

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

SUBJECT: PLAN EXAMINATION - AMMUNITION C19-38 d(1) FIRE DEPARTMENT CODE

This memorandum is issued to implement the borough superintendents' decisions on accessory storage of ammunition (item B1 meeting, February 14, 1974, and item B1 meeting of March 14, 1974).

C19-38.0-a requires a permit to store, sell or offer for sale any ammunition in excess of 200 small arm cartridges.

C19-38.0 d contains restrictions for the premises for storage and sale in excess of 200 rounds of small arms cartridges. One such restriction is that the building comply with the building code sections regulating high hazard occupancies. Small arms cartridges are cartridges 45 caliber or less and shotgun shells #6 gauge or less.

1. Where 200 or less small arms cartridges are stored, or sold as an accessory use to a legal occupancy, no action is required by the applicant or Department of Buildings.
2. Where the Fire Department has issued a permit for the storage and sale of ammunition prior to December 6, 1968, in a legally occupied building under the old Building Code, no action is required by the Department of Buildings.
3. When an application is filed to establish the use for storage and sale of ammunition or to comply with a Fire Department violation order a building notice application may be accepted for

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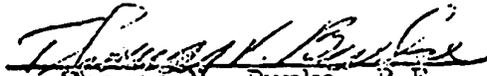
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filing to do work for storage and sale of ammunition accessory to the main use (gun shops, sporting goods stores, sporting goods departments in large stores, etc.). Alteration applications shall be required when there is a change in use.

All plan examination, inspection and work must conform with requirements of Local Law 76-1968, in particular, C26-301.4(a), and C26-504.1(a) and table 5-2, table 5-3, C26-1703.1(b) high hazard spaces and table 17-2. In general this will require 4 hour rated floor, walls and ceiling or roof for the storage room. The door opening must be protected with two - 1½ hour doors.

The door on the inside wall shall be an automatic sliding door, the door on the outside wall of the room shall be a door which swings in the direction of egress. Except as indicated below, the storage room shall be sprinklered with a one source extra hazard sprinkler system. In rooms not exceeding 180 square feet, a one source sprinkler system will be accepted off the domestic supply (C26-1703.9), in this case a single 3 hour door swinging in the direction of egress will be accepted.

4. The plan shall contain a note listing the occupancies in C19-38.0 d in which ammunition may not be stored, and further indicate the building or premises contain no such occupancy.


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