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Chief Joseph DeMeo
New York Fire Department
Bureau of Fire Prevention
250 Livingston Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

RE: Modified Class J-1
Fire Alarm System and
Smoke Detector System

Dear Chief DeMeo:

When an interior fire alarm in existing low rise hotels is upgraded to meet the requirements of Modified Class J-1 fire alarm systems pursuant to Local Law 16/1987, strobes are not required unless addition or relocation of existing gongs takes place.

If smoke detecting system in public corridors and public spaces in hotel buildings is installed, it need not be integrated with the interior fire alarm.

However, the smoke detecting system shall require strobes and shall be activated upon the activation of smoke detectors. The activation of fire alarm does not require these strobes to operate.

Very truly yours,

George E. Berger, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

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