

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

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM:

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TO: Borough Superintendents

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

SUBJECT: Gas Meter on the Exterior of One and Two Family Dwelling  
(RS-16, P115.0 - Gas Piping)

~~This replaces memorandum dated July 7, 1972 on this subject.~~

This memorandum is applicable to one and two-family dwellings where it is proposed to install gas piping, meters and regulators on the exterior of buildings.

1. Where a public utility proposes to relocate a gas meter to the exterior of a building, no work shall proceed until a plumbing repair slip application has been filed and approved.
  2. A licensed plumber shall install all of the piping, valves and appurtenances from the house side of the meter and throughout the building. He shall test his work as prescribed by code, in the presence of a plumbing inspector.
  3. Gas service piping and gas meter piping may be installed by a utility corporation as provided in section C26-1600.1 (b) or by a licensed plumber (refer to sketch GM 1, 2, 3). The utility corporation shall be responsible for the installation and testing of the gas service piping from the street connection up to the building line or to the meter, including gas service piping and gas meter piping as provided in section C26-1600.1 (b) (refer to sketch GM 1, 2, 3).
  4. An approved lubricated type stop-cock or valve shall be installed inside the building in an accessible location within two feet of the point where gas piping enters the building, or at such other location as may be permitted by the Commissioner, as required by section P115.2(a) of RS-16.
  5. A gas cut-off valve shall be installed below grade on service connections where the pressure exceeds 1/2 p.s.i., in a protective housing with a cover easily identified, brought flush to grade. Valve and box shall be constructed and located in accordance with the code. In addition, a tamperproof lubricated type stop-cock or valve shall be installed on the street side of gas regulator and meter (refer to sketch GM 1, 2, 3) as provided in section P115.4 of RS-16.
- TAMPERPROOF shall be; safe against operation or movement attempted by bare hands, objects of moderate strength or ordinary household tools. Tamperproof valves shall be approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals.

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6. No outside gas meter installations shall be permitted within three feet of driveways.
7. In those locations where high pressure gas is used, a gas pressure regulator is required to reduce the pressure in the service to one-half pound or less ahead of the meter and before entering the gas distribution piping in the building.
8. All piping shall be installed according to applicable code provisions.
9. Outdoor meter sets shall not be installed on buildings designated as landmarks by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
10. The meter and regulator will be permissible projections in the yard or court under the provisions of the Zoning Resolution but may not project beyond the building line.

  
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ATTACHMENTS:

Sketch GM -1 Dated June 30, 1972 (Revised 11/21/72)  
GM -2 Dated June 30, 1972 (Revised 11/21/72)  
GM -3 Dated June 30, 1972 (Revised 11/21/72)

cc: Exec. Staff  
Chief Plumbing Inspectors - 5 Boroughs  
Commissioner: Fire Department  
Chief Gas Engineer - Consolidated Edison  
Chief Gas Engineer - Long Island Light & Power Company  
Chief Gas Engineer - Brooklyn Union Gas Company  
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