

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 6, 1981

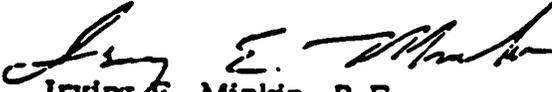
TO: Borough Superintendents  
FROM: Deputy Commissioner Irving E. Minkin, P. E.  
SUBJECT: Drainage Swales  
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Based on recent information conveyed by the Department of Health, unpaved drainage swales have been found to represent health hazards.

Accordingly, hereafter, any above grade drainage swales indicated on plans submitted to this department for compliance with storm water drainage requirements shall be required to be paved. The paving shall be required to conform with either the Zoning Resolution provisions relating to permanent parking areas; or, in the alternate, Highway Department standards for either paved sidewalks or paved highways.

All existing approvals shall be reviewed, and an additional objection issued based on the foregoing, citing Section 643 a - 13.0 of the Administrative Code, and permits withheld until the plans are amended accordingly.

Where permits have been issued, and work is progressing, an objection is to be similarly issued; and all personnel instructed to withhold certificates of occupancy of any kind until the plans are amended; and withhold final certificates of occupancy until required work has been completed.

  
Irving E. Minkin, P. E.  
Deputy Commissioner

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