

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 1977

TO: The Borough Superintendents  
FROM: Jeremiah T. Walsh, Commissioner  
SUBJECT: Lighting for Public Corridors of Multiple Dwellings

This memorandum, while issued at the request of the New York City Housing Authority to forestall vandalism to lighting fixtures in their public corridors, is applicable, to all multiple dwellings; and to conserve energy.

Pending legislative enactment the following interpretation of Section C26-605.1 Administrative Code, paragraph (a) may be allowed:

(a) Illumination of at least 5 foot candles measured at the floor level shall be maintained continuously, during occupancy, in exits and their access facilities for their full length, at changes in direction in and intersections of corridors, balconies, exit passageways, stairs, ramps, escalators, bridges, tunnels, landings and platforms, and as provided in article 8 for places of assembly, except that this requirement shall not apply to dwelling units, or the public parts thereof, for which Article 19 of the Housing Maintenance Code shall take precedence.

It is noted that Section D26-19.03 of such code provides as follows:

(2) If a fluorescent lighting fixture is provided, it shall be capable of providing illumination of at least four watts cool white fluorescent light per 25 square feet of floor-area or fraction thereof. Each lighting fixture shall be provided with one or more lights of a total of not less than 20 watts.

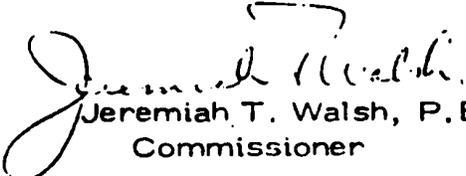
It is the intent of the Housing Authority to adopt fluorescent fixtures in the exits of their multiple dwellings, because of the high cost of electricity; and to vandle resist same with a "lexan" polycarbonate fixture cover.

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Limitations of Bureau of Gas & Electricity. Bulletin No. 127,  
relating to lighting fixture diffusers, still applies.

  
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Commissioner

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