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POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE #9/92

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FROM: Richard C. Visconti, A.I.A. Assistant Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Local Law 58/87 - Story at Grade

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**REFERENCES:** Administrative Code Section 27-292.5(i), Non-Grade Stories of Small Non-Residential Buildings. This TPPN supercedes the Instructional Memorandum from George E. Berger, P.E., former Assistant Commissioner, dated October 23, 1989.

**PURPOSE:** To further clarify non-grade stories and redefine a "story at grade."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

**SPECIFICS:** A story at grade shall be an occupiable floor which has direct access to grade, and is less than or equal to eight inches above or below the adjoining grade elevation.

The adjoining grade elevation shall be the average elevation of the final grade adjoining all exterior walls of a building fronting a street, calculated from grade elevations taken at intervals of ten feet around the perimeter of the building.

An above-grade story shall be any occupiable floor more than eight inches above the adjoining grade and is not a story at grade.

A below-grade story shall be any occupiable floor more than eight inches below the adjoining grade and is not a story at grade.