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July 5, 1984

Mr. Alfred R. Sanno
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Re: Replacement of Multiple Dwelling
Windows

Dear Mr. Sanno:

Your letter of June 29, 1983, addressed to Irving E. Minkin, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, inquiring as to the need for sidewalk sheds when multiple dwelling windows are replaced, has been forwarded to me for reply.

Section C26-1901.5(a)(5) of Local Law 45 of 1983 states:

"(5) A sidewalk shed shall be erected when a portion of a facade over forty feet above curb level is being altered or repaired and the horizontal distance from the portion of the structure being altered or repaired to the inside edge of the temporary or permanent walkway is less than one-half the height of the structure being altered or repaired."

If protection of the public is intended, paragraph (5) may be interpreted to apply to the replacement of windows.

The Manhattan Borough Office, in practice, has been requesting sidewalk sheds where windows are being replaced for other than six story residential buildings.

This does not preclude you from further discussing the matter with the Borough Superintendent and suggesting alternate barrier safeguards which would carry out the intent of the law.

Very truly yours,

Irving Polsky, P.E.

Irving Polsky, P.E.,
Executive Engineer

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