

## **A G E N D A**

### **NYC DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**

#### **1. Follow-up Items**

##### **A. Registered Design Professional PAA Filings and Plan Changes (MPC)**

The inability for registered design professionals to file PAAs or make changes to plans. Design professionals cannot change information in the Record and complete the PAA. In some cases, the Boiler Unit is requiring another filing.

***DOB is awaiting examples for DOB review and follow up.***

##### **B. Their filings are not complete due to the lack of Schedule C or Schedule B.**

In BIS, The Schedule B and Schedule C had mandatory boxes that had to be completed by the registered design professional. In DOB NOW: *Build*, there are *pages* that are similar to both of these documents. However, the completion of these boxes is not mandatory. In addition, not all the *boxes* carried over in DOB NOW: *Build*.

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##### **C. Fire Pump Testing**

The general procedure for pump acceptance testing in relation to standpipe flow testing needs to be clarified. Currently both of these tests are combined and really are more of a standpipe flow test than a pump acceptance test. Could we resurrect the bulletin that was supposed to go out a few years back?

***DOB shared a draft document with the Industry and is reviewing comments. An update will be provided at the next meeting.***

#### **2. Local Law 152 Amendments**

***DOB discussed Intro's 2259-A and 2321-A which were approved by the City Council.***

#### **3. Office of Technical Certification & Research (OTCR) presentation on Plumbing-Related Technology**

### **MASTER PLUMBERS COUNCIL**

#### **1. Development Unit**

##### **A. Changes in pressure during a gas test (NYCFGC 406.5):**

What is the maximum allowance given for pressure change, either up or down, on a gas pressure test gauge when a long piping run is on a roof or otherwise exposed to significant changes in sunlight during the test?

**No allowance is given. It is not up to the inspector to determine if a leak exists or if caused by some other means.**

Would it be permissible for a licensed Master Plumber to employ a drone to conduct a visual inspection of a roof top appliance that is difficult to access?

**The law prohibits the use of drones for conducting visual inspections.**

B. House Connection Unit:

What is the role of the unit?

**The role of the House Connection Unit is to inspect the underground piping from the property line to the house-trap.**

What inspections are they conducting?

**The House Connection Unit conducts underground piping inspections.**

Why are they being deployed rather than a Development Unit Inspector?

**The House Connection Unit is part of the inspection process and will inspect only the underground piping if that is the only inspection the plumber is asking for. This allows all other inspectors to conduct roughings, tests etc.**

C. Are there any other alternative inspection methods for existing gas appliances that may not have had a gas test or roughing inspection?

**No.**

D. We would like to discuss situations where field inspection plans do not conform to field conditions.

- 1) For gas inspections.
- 2) For fire suppression inspections.
- 3) For plumbing inspections

**Plans are to match the installation. Any specific examples can be discussed.**

## 2. LAA/Development

A. Jobs where a sprinkler is taken from the domestic water:

- 1) How is this work filed if the water source is a standpipe?

**While the Code does have allowances for sprinklers to be supplied by domestic services, that would not extend to standpipes.**

- 2) Discussion of Appendix Q prohibition on use of domestic water as a source or a sprinkler if there is a standpipe available in a building?

**BC Section 903.3.5.1.1 governs Limited Area Sprinklers. That text permits a domestic connection for fewer than 20 heads, but only where a standpipe is "not available."**

**B. 28-105.4.5 Ordinary Plumbing Work**

In buildings in Occupancy Group R-2 occupied by fewer than six families or in buildings in Occupancy Group R-2:

**1) Are there specific exclusions to this?**

***The OP-128 list all exemptions, if the property is no less than 6 families or fall under the R-2 occupancy group type then they cannot use the document.***

**2) Why are convents not being considered for use of this process?**

***There is nothing that prevents convents from utilizing this process. As long as convents are classified as occupancy group R-2 then they can use the form.***

**3) What happens to units meeting the size that have different Department of Finance classifications?**

***If the unit occupancy is not in line with the Department of Finance home classification, the homeowner is to request change of unit occupancy classification from the Department of Finance.***

**C. Would it be possible to develop a process for licensees to follow when they need to withdraw or close out from permits where work was done, but the owner will not comply with the Department's requirement to prove legality of an existing appliance?**

***With regards to the PW1 applications, the contractor must submit the request to be withdrawn from the application through the respective borough office.***

***As for the LAA application, if work was performed, the application cannot be withdrawn. The contractor would be required to modify their permit to specify the exact scope of work performed, notify the LAA Unit of the issues and explain why the work cannot be completed.***

***The LAA Unit will contact the Plumbing Enforcement Unit, who will conduct an inspection and notify the owner of the conditions so they can hire a new contractor to supersede the previous application to allow the work to be completed, inspected and signed-off.***

## THE PLUMBING FOUNDATION

**1. Licensing****A. Gas Cards**

***DOB is looking for a possible IT solution to improve Gas Card renewal timelines and will follow up.***

**B. Processing Times/Issues for License Renewals**

***DOB will review other issues that may directly affect processing times.***

**2. NEW Requirement for Limited Alteration Application Supersede and Withdrawal Requests**

**[https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/pdf/laa\\_supersede\\_withdrawal\\_sn.pdf](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/pdf/laa_supersede_withdrawal_sn.pdf)**

## MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC.

### 1. DOB In-person Appointments

Could we please review the process for scheduling an in-person appointment at DOB? Is there something the Department could distribute to our members regarding appointment availability? For example, in the licensing meeting, I believe that the Director of Licensing stated that applications are only reviewed on certain days and times.

***Since May of 2020, license renewal appointments are submitted online only, and reviews are conducted through the DOB NOW filing Licensing portal.***

***([https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/pdf/covid-19\\_online\\_license\\_renewals\\_reminder\\_sn.pdf](https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/pdf/covid-19_online_license_renewals_reminder_sn.pdf))***

***In addition, as of September of 2021, applications for new licenses are also submitted conducted online. There are no appointments available to applicants to review applications.***

***The only appointments are those that are made for a licensee to come in for picture taking and issuance of a new license. That appointment is made upon request after the applicant is approved for his/her license.***

### 2. TCO Worksheet

Could we please review the new TCO worksheet? Could you let us know if there re specific issues regarding fire sprinkler that the industry should be made aware of and anything else that might be helpful in navigating this new process?

***In general, a TCO is warranted for partial completion of a sprinkler system when the subject floors covered in the TCO have their portions of the sprinkler system inspected and signed off for those floors and all floors below that level.***

***The standpipe system must be completed cellar to roof and signed-off so FDNY has proper fire service available at all levels.***

***An elevator with FDNY Phase 1 and 2 service capabilities must serve all levels also.***

***If a fire alarm is required, then a Letter of Defect and engineering report indicating status of remaining defects needs to be submitted to DOB. Multiple open ALT-COs at a single property need special attention to be processed effectively.***

***DOB is working on solutions for the complications associated with multiple pending TCO applications in a single building.***

## DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

### 1. OTCR Presentation on Plumbing-Related Technology

***Industry was given the opportunity to share comments on the OTCR Presentation.***