

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PRESENTATION: Retaining Wall & Parking Structures

Q1. When will Parking Garage Rule go into effect?

A1. The Parking Garage Rule will go into effect after the next edition of the Code goes into effect.

Q2. Will contractors need to go through a vetting process so they are pre-qualified to perform this type of work?

A2. Nothing has been decided yet, but it is likely that eventually the professional performing the inspection will go through a vetting process similar to QEWs and QRWs. Contractors will need to be licensed as with any other work done that falls under DOBs jurisdiction.

Q3. What is the meaning of 'unattached' outdoor parking lots?

A3. Please see NYC BC 406.7 for the definition of an open parking lot.

Q4. What about the retaining wall located in the rear yard of a property where "member of public i.e. not someone not associated with the building" walks in, is rear yard wall not required for local law reporting?

A4. If the public can gain access to the retaining wall and it meets the height requirement, it is subject.

Q5. We have a retaining wall on private property in a backyard but is seen from the street from the back of the neighbor's alleyway. My client received a RW violation? Please elaborate on public right-of-way.

A5. If the public can gain access to the retaining wall and it meets the height requirement, it is subject.

Q6. -How is determination made as to which code is applied to a retaining wall? Is it assumed to be the same as the main structure.

A6. The QRWs will need to do their own research of the development of the lots in order to determine the age of the wall and, thus, the appropriate Code to use.