



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS  
120 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10005  
JEREMIAH T. WALSH, P.E., Commissioner

February 21, 1978

Gerald M. Daub, R.A.  
65 Nassau Street  
New York, N.Y. 10038

Re: C26-121.5, Change of Use and  
C26-607.2, Designation of  
Required Means of Egress

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 25, 1978, in which you request interpretations with regard to the above subjects.

" It is your contention that an Amended Certificate of Occupancy may be issued if an alteration to an existing building with a C.of O. does not exceed 20 % of the total floor area of the building; particularly in the case where the previous amended C.of O. was issued more than one year ago.

I agree that the validity of an amended C.of O. should not be diminished by making it subject to cumulative effect.

Apropos, your inquiry if exit lights need be individually lighted, please be guided by the foregoing:

1. Yes, if required by a code, ordinance, rule, law, etc. enforceable by this department such as for Places of Assembly or Labor Law Premises.

2. Unless "otherwise specified", the surfaces of the phosphorescent signs shall be illuminated by a reliable light source to an intensity of not less than 5 foot-candles, measured on the lettered surface of the sign; and sufficient to maintain such phosphorescence as required.

Very truly yours,

*Irving Polsky, P.E.*

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Acting Executive Engineer

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