

The City of New York  
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
Department of Buildings

DIRECTIVE NO. 25 OF 1970

TO: Borough Superintendents

DATE: July 13, 1970

FROM: Thomas V. Burke, P.E., Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Classification of Cellars - New Building Code


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Cellars under the new building code are defined as stories, however, section C26-406.2 provides that cellars shall not be counted as stories in applying the provisions of the code which relate to height limits. To clarify this apparent conflict, the following shall be the interpretation of this department:-

Wherever any section of the new building code has a requirement or restriction relating to the story height of a building, cellars shall not be counted as stories.

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