

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS
DIRECTIVE NO. 3/1973

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 1973

TO: Borough Superintendents

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

SUBJECT: Sidewalk Vaults; Section C26-408.2

All plans for sidewalk vault construction shall have the following notation thereon:

"A vault license is required to be obtained from the Commissioner of Highways prior to commencement of construction of the sidewalk vaults".

Generally, approval of plans and issuance of permits shall not be withheld from applications and plans indicating vaults conforming with Section C26-408.2 (c), provided the above-mentioned note is shown on the plans.

However, applicants should be advised that Highways Department Rules require a variance to be granted by them before they will issue a license for vaults within seven feet of the curb line.

Further, the Transit Authority has requested the cooperation of this department in dealing with possible conflicts between proposed sidewalk vaults and proposed subway routes. Accordingly, have a subscript (noted "VLT") noted on docket entries of building notices involving vaults, and forward copies of all building notice dockets to the Transit Authority in the same manner as new building dockets are now being sent.

When notification is received from the Transit Authority that a proposed vault may interfere with proposed subway routes, a Highways Department license will be required prior to approval of any plans indicating proposed vault construction, regardless of the category of applications in which the proposed vault construction is indicated.

Proposed sidewalk vaults along the route of existing subways or elevated lines shall be required to be approved by the Transit Authority as to their effect on the subway or elevated structure prior to approval by this department in accordance with present procedures for all construction along such existing routes.

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