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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Elevators
AC-Title C-Part 11-C26-1800.8
Ref. Std. RS 18-1

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TO: Borough Superintendents

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FROM: Thomas V. Burke, Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Elevators - Section C26-1800.8A.C. "Elevator in Readiness"
Section 210.13 Modified - Reference Standard RS 18

For new installations of automatic passenger elevators in buildings exceeding 100 feet in height, keyed switches shall be required in conformance with Section 210.13 "Emergency Controls For Fire Department" added under modifications to reference standard RS 18-1 entitled USA Standard Safety Code for Elevators, Dumbwaiters Escalators and Moving Walks" USASI A17.1-1965. In addition to the required keyed switches in such installations, in buildings exceeding 150 feet in height, "there shall be available at all times a man competent to operate the elevator....." (Section C26-1800.8 A.C.)

For existing installations, "in every completed structure over one hundred fifty feet in height a competent elevator operator shall be available at all times to assist the fire department in obtaining access to any floor of the structure served by elevators". (Section C26-1431 Administrative Code-1938). Compliance with Section C26-1800.8 Administrative Code is not required for existing installations.

When required by Section C26-1800.8 Administrative Code, "Elevator in Readiness", that at least one elevator be kept available for immediate use by the fire department, the number of such elevators to be provided shall be sufficient to permit the fire department access to all parts of every floor of the building by the use of these elevators.

Automatic passenger elevators provided with keyed switches as required by Section 210.13, "Emergency Controls for Fire Department", added by modification to reference standard RS 18-1 shall be acceptable as available for immediate use by the fire department. Only such elevators required to be available for immediate use by the fire department shall be required to be controlled by the keyed switches.

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(Signed)
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