



HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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June 12, 1973

Mr. Max E. Schneider  
Director of Design  
New York City Housing Authority  
250 Broadway  
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: Community Center Kitchens

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 8, 1973 regarding safety provisions for kitchens of community centers in lieu of exhaust ducts and flues for range hoods therein has been reviewed.

In your letter you state the following:

1. The ranges will have not more than 10 burners.
2. Meals will be served to not more than 50 persons at any one time.
3. The hoods will be provided with charcoal filters and fans and a fire extinguishing system.
4. The kitchens will have natural ventilation supplied by windows to the outside air.
5. The pass-through openings will be provided with fireproof shutters and fusible links.
6. The doors leading into the kitchens will be fireproof self-closing

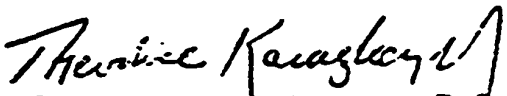
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It is noted that legislation sponsored by this department and the Fire Department in the City Council under Intro No. 1199, which deals with the ventilation of cooking equipment in community rooms of multiple dwellings, churches, synagogues, firehouses and other low hazard occupancies, as determined by the Commissioner of Buildings, would essentially authorize what you seek as a matter of law.

Accordingly, based on Section C26-100.7 of the Administrative Code and Section 1804 (4) (b) of the New York City Charter, the installation described by you is acceptable, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) All items listed above in your letter of June 8, 1973 are complied with.
- (b) An application is filed in the appropriate borough office of this department for each intended installation and a permit obtained.
- (c) Each hood is equipped with a fire extinguishing system approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals.
- (d) Each kitchen window is equipped with wire glass.
- (e) In the event that the amount of natural ventilation provided by the windows is insufficient to meet the index of ventilation requirements of Article 12 of the Building Code, mechanical ventilation complying with Reference Standard BS 13-1 shall be provided.

Very truly yours,

  
Theodore Karagheuzoff, P. E.  
Commissioner