To: Borough Superintendents

From: Thomas V. Burke
Director of Operations

Date: February 26, 1970

Demolition Permits - Ban on Street Openings - Department of Highways - Section C26-113.2 Administrative Code

There has been an announcement by the Department of Highways that no permits will be issued for street openings for an indefinite period starting February 24, 1970.

The withholding of such permits might possibly delay the issuance of permits for demolition since it is required that before such a permit is issued, the gas, electric, water, and sewer services to the building be disconnected in the street. This matter was called to the attention of Commissioner of Highways Vincent J. Gibney by Commissioner O'Neill, and Commissioner Gibney gave assurance that street opening permits would be issued for the cut-off of utilities for buildings to be demolished.

This information is sent to you so that you may advise applicants for demolition permits that they may obtain street opening permits from the Department of Highways.

Commissioner Gibney conditioned his relaxation of the ban on permits with the requirement that where such street openings were made, the pavement would be promptly restored. In order to provide assurance that this will be done, a statement shall be required from the demolition contractor, before issuance of a permit, that he has restored the pavement where openings were made to disconnect utilities.

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CC: Executive Staff

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