

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

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DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

April 7, 1970

TO: Borough Superintendents

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

SUBJECT: Fire Resistance Construction Requirements and Fire Separation Requirements - Article 3 and Article 5 of the Building Code

There are several areas of major difference with respect to fire protection ratings in Construction Group II residential buildings as compared to the previous code buildings which were designated as class 3 non-fireproof. These areas are:

1. Article 3 of the present code lists minimum fire resistance ratings for floors and roofs of all buildings including private dwellings.
2. Article 5, Section C26-504.3(a) of the present code requires that different tenancies be separated from each other by prescribed ratings but in no case less than one hour. Section C26-504.1(b) requires that the fire separation shall be constructed both vertically and horizontally. This separation must be provided notwithstanding any other provision of the present building code which may exempt the building from other required fire resistance ratings or enclosures.

All personnel are to be instructed to be guided by this memorandum.

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cc: All staff  
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