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City of New York
Department of Buildings

Fresh Air Intakes
Multiple Dwelling Sect.26

DIRECTIVE NO. 8/68

To: Borough Superintendents

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Subject: Fresh Air Intakes
Section 26 of the
Multiple Dwelling
Law

Subdivision 7 of Section 26 of the Multiple Dwelling Law requires that an air intake of fireproof construction be provided at or near the lowest level of every inner court of dwellings exceeding two stories in height, which shall communicate directly with a street or yard. Such intake shall have a vertical cross-sectional area of not less than 21 sq. feet, a minimum width of not less than 3 feet in its least dimension, and shall be open and unobstructed throughout, except that where the intake is not used as a passage or exit, gates or grills which do not interfere with ventilation may be installed.

Many new law tenements with fresh air intakes so provided pursuant to law, inadvertently had violations created when central heating was installed within a portion of the air intake, and a door constructed to enclose the cellar space.

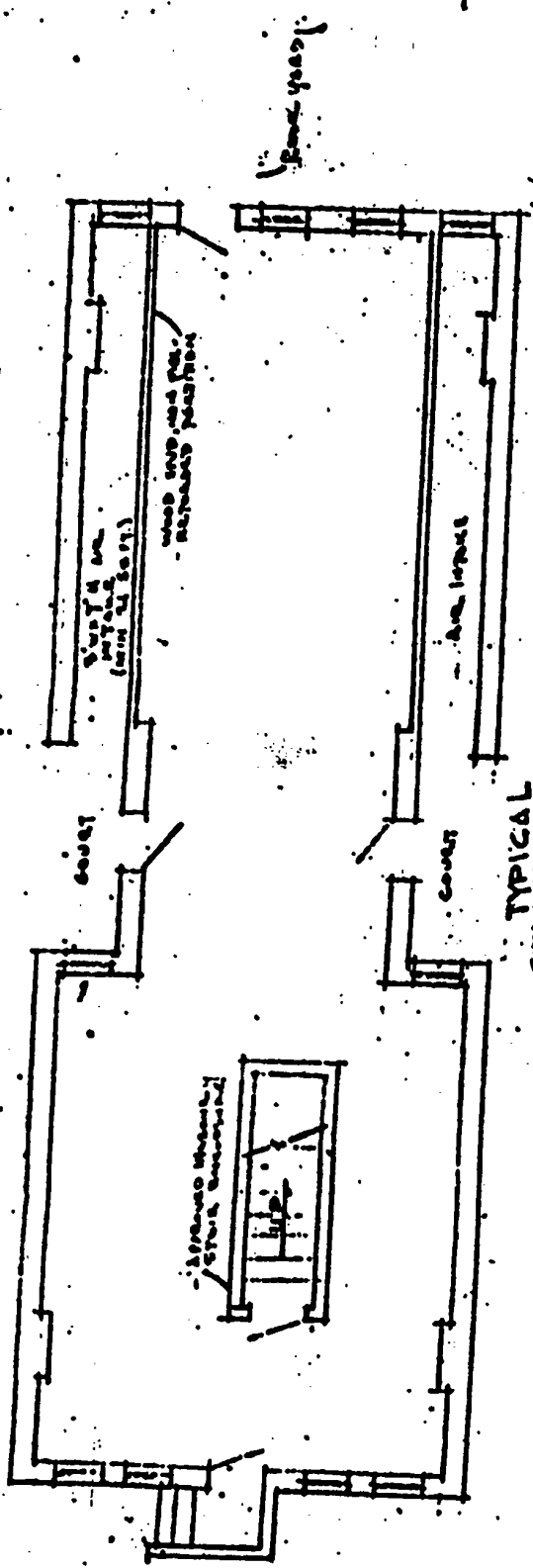
The requirements of Section 65 of the Multiple Dwelling Law for enclosure of boiler rooms now makes relocation of boilers and restoration of fresh air intakes prohibitive.

Accordingly, the typical plan forwarded herewith shall be deemed in full compliance with the applicable provisions of law.

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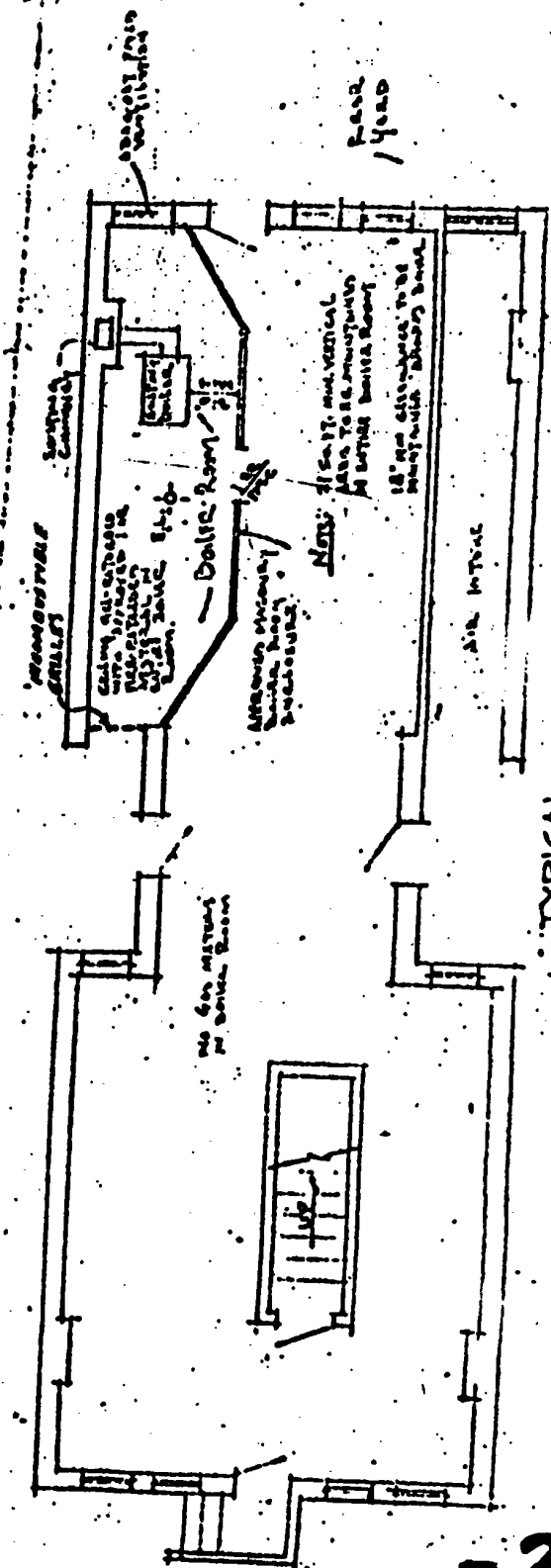
(signed)

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TYPICAL CELLAR PLAN

EXISTING CONDITIONS OTHER THAN SHOWN BEING INSTALLED AND BOILER ROOM EXISTING



TYPICAL CELLAR PLAN

PROPOSED BOILER ROOM INSTALLATION