THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM: Date: Revision #1 -
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TO: Borough Superintendents

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

SUBJECT: Gas Meter on the Exterior of One and Two Family Dwelling
(RS-16, Fl15.0 - Gas Piping)

This replaces memorandum dated July 7, 1972, on this subject.

This memorandum is applicable to one and two-family dwellings where it is
proposed to install gas piping, meters and regulators on the exterior of
buildings.

1. Where a public utility proposes to relocate a gas meter to the
   exterior of a building, no work shall proceed until a plumbing
   repair slip application has been filed and approved.

2. A licensed plumber shall install all of the piping, valves and
   appurtenances from the house side of the meter and throughout
   the building. He shall test his work as prescribed by code, in
   the presence of a plumbing inspector.

3. Gas service piping and gas meter piping may be installed by a
   utility corporation as provided in section C26-1600.1 (b) or by
   a licensed plumber (refer to sketch GM 1, 2, 3). The utility cor-
   poration shall be responsible for the installation and testing of
   the gas service piping from the street connection up to the building
   line or to the meter, including gas service piping and gas meter piping
   as provided in section C26-1600.1 (b) (refer to sketch GM 1, 2, 3).

   An approved lubricated type stop-cock or valve shall be installed
   inside the building in an accessible location within two feet of
   the point where gas piping enters the building, or at such other
   location as may be permitted by the Commissioner, as required by
   section Fl15.2(a) of RS-16.

   A gas cut-off valve shall be installed below grade on service
   connections where the pressure exceeds 1/2 p.s.i., in a protective
   housing with a cover easily identified, brought flush to grade.
   Valve and box shall be constructed and located in accordance with the
   code. In addition, a tamperproof lubricated type stop-cock or valve
   shall be installed on the street side of gas regulator and meter
   (refer to sketch GM 1, 2, 3) as provided in section Fl15.4 of RS-16.

TAMPERPROOF shall be; safe against operation or movement attempted
by bare hands, objects of moderate strength or ordinary
household tools. Tamperproof valves shall be approved
by the Board of Standards and Appeals.

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6. No outside gas meter installations shall be permitted within three feet of driveways.

7. In those locations where high pressure gas is used, a gas pressure regulator is required to reduce the pressure in the service to one-half pound or less ahead of the meter and before entering the gas distribution piping in the building.

8. All piping shall be installed according to applicable code provisions.

9. Outdoor meter sets shall not be installed on buildings designated as landmarks by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

10. The meter and regulator will be permissible projections in the yard or court under the provisions of the Zoning Resolution but may not project beyond the building line.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Sketch GM -1 Dated June 30, 1972 (Revised 11/21/72)
GM -2 Dated June 30, 1972 (Revised 11/21/72)
GM -3 Dated June 30, 1972 (Revised 11/21/72)

cc: Exec. Staff
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Chief Gas Engineer - Long Island Light & Power Company
Chief Gas Engineer - Brooklyn Union Gas Company
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