

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 2, 1980

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Irwin Fruchtman, P.E.
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Local Law # 5/1973 (Fire Safety Law Applicable to Existing and New Office Buildings over 100' in Height as Amended by Local Law # 84 & 86 for the year 1979 effective December 13, 1979

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This memorandum supersedes the memorandum on this subject of March 30th, 1979.

Various substantive provisions (i.e. Interior alarm and communication; Elevator recall; compartmentation, pressurization) have been amended by Local Law # 86, 1979 to provide for new times of compliance - The new times of compliance are on the table attached hereto.

One of the elements of compliance is that plans must be filed and permits obtained within the specified period of the time allowed before the expiration of the overall compliance dates. (see time table.)

The following procedure shall be implemented forthwith;

1. Alteration and BN applications shall be examined under the new compliance schedule for Local Law # 5. The compartmentation provisions noted herein, and those provisions effective February 7, 1973 - i.e. interior stair re-entry, signs at elevator landings, showroom sprinklers must be complied with immediately. However, the provisions for which new times for compliance have been established by Local Law # 86/1979 need not be complied with until the new times have expired including the dates for filing of plans and obtaining permits. (see time table).

2. Supervisory review of BN applications in conformance with Directive # 14/75, and examination of applications in conformance with Directive # 2 shall include a determination as to whether the applicant has apparently complied with the compartmentation provision for the portion of the building being altered and the Local Law No. 5 provisions effective February 7, 1973.

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3. Approval of amendments to the original Local Law # 5 applications (Alt., BN., Misc., Elev., etc.) shall be granted only if there is compliance with the provisions of Local Law # 5 as amended by Local Law Nos. 84 and 86 for the year 1979.

4. Applications for amended Temporary and Final Certificates of Occupancy for existing office buildings shall be governed by the provisions of Local Law # 5 as amended by Local Law # 86/1979. Generally, this shall mean compliance with the compartmentation provision noted herein and the provisions effective February 7, 1973. The substantive provisions amended by Local Law # 86/1979 need not be complied with until the new dates for compliance have expired including the dates for the filing of plans and obtaining permits (See time table).

5. All Applications for issuance of Temporary and Final Certificates of Occupancy due to new building applications shall be governed by the original provisions of Local Law # 5, since the time for compliance for new buildings has not been changed by Local Law # 86/1979.

6. Examination of plans for installation of Pressurization Systems shall be governed by Local Law # 5, Reference Standard RS5-18 as amended by Local Law # 84/1979.



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