

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 1980

TO: BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM: IRWIN FRUCHTMAN, P.E., COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: FIRE ALARM, DETECTION & EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT

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My memorandum dated 3/9/79 regarding fire alarms, detection, and extinguishing equipment is superseded by this memorandum.

Hereafter, any application (including alterations, as well as Misc. Applications) which calls for the removal of existing standpipes, sprinklers, or interior fire alarm and signal systems in existing buildings shall be disapproved. Further no certificate of occupancy or completion letter shall be issued for any buildings where the aforementioned equipment has been removed.

Requests for variances from these requirements shall be reviewed by the Borough Superintendents, in consultation with the Chief of the Division of Fire Prevention of the Fire Department. Referrals to the Fire Department shall include a copy of the application (s) filed with this department.

However, applications for conversions of C1.B. multiple dwellings to either private dwellings or Class A Multiple Dwellings shall be exempt from this memorandum, provided:

1. The building is not a frame building: and,
2. ~~Either 2 means of egress presently exist; or such sprinklers as are required by applicable law in lieu thereof are being retained; or,~~
3. No second means of egress is required under Local Law 76/68.



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