City of New York
Housing & Development Administration
Department of Buildings

DIRECTIVE No. 5/68

To: Borough Superintendents
From: Thomas V. Burke
Date: April 2, 1968
Director of Operations
Subject: Local Law No. 14/66 and Local Law 14/68. In relation to Air Pollution Control.

Local Law 14/68, amending Local Law No. 14/66, was signed by the Mayor on March 12, 1968. It contains the provisions under which refuse burning equipment may be continued, and indicates alternate methods of refuse disposal. The following shall be the method of implementing the requirements of the subject law as far as it affects the Department of Buildings.

(1) Except as otherwise permitted in Section 893-3.0 of the Administrative Code, on and after May 20, 1968, no application shall be approved which includes the installation of new refuse burning equipment, whether in existing structures or in new construction. No permits shall be issued after such date on applications involving new refuse burning equipment, except for permit renewals where the inspector reports that the excavation work has been completed, and that foundation work had started by May 20, 1968. This is predicated on an interpretation by the Commissioner of Air Pollution Control of the subject section.

(2) Applications filed to up-grade incinerators shall be expedited. Building Notice applications may be filed with appropriate plans, except that an Alteration application shall be required where additional work is included. An application for approval by Air Pollution Control shall accompany all filings. The Air Pollution Control application shall be processed in the same manner as prescribed for applications filed for the installation of oil burning equipment in Administrative Order No. 11, implementing one-step service. Prior approval by Department of Air Pollution Control shall be required before the Building Department application is approved. When the work is signed off as completed, this department shall send a completion letter to the owner, and notify the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity that the installation has been completed.
(3) Applications relating to refuse chutes and refuse compacting equipment shall be expedited. Building Notices may be filed with appropriate plans, except that an Alteration Application will be required where additional work is included. Refuse chutes and refuse rooms shall comply with the Building Department rules relating to refuse chutes and refuse rooms, a copy of which is attached. Waste collection and receptacles shall comply with the requirements of Article 14 of the Housing Maintenance Code. Approval of the refuse compacting devices by the Department of Sanitation shall be required before the installation of such devices is reported as completed. The Department of Air Pollution Control and the Department of Sanitation shall be notified in writing of the filing of applications for installation of a refuse compacting system, and again upon satisfactory completion of the work. In addition, the owner shall be sent a completion letter upon the completion of the work.

(4) Garbage grinders approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals and served by separate sanitary sewers tributary to a sewage treatment plant may be installed in all dwellings erected after May 20, 1968, for disposal of solid kitchen wastes. No approval shall be granted for such installation unless:

(a) The Board of Standards and Appeals has approved such devices.
(b) The Department of Public Works has certified that the premises is served by separate sanitary sewers tributary to a sewage treatment plant.
(c) Plans for installation indicate compliance with all applicable provisions of the building code.

Attached herewith are copies of form letters that shall be used to notify those involved in this directive. A supply of the forms will be sent to each of the borough offices.

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