

**PROMULGATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE BUILDING  
CODE REFERENCE STANDARD RS 4-4 FLOOD INSURANCE  
RATE MAP**

*PURSUANT TO Chapter 26 of the New York City Charter and Section 27-131.1 of the Administrative Code of the City Of New York, and in accordance with the requirements of 1 RCNY §37-01(e), this proposed reference standard amendment was previously published in the City Record on July 13, 2007 and a public hearing was held on August 3, 2007 pursuant to 1 RCNY §37-01(f). The Department of Buildings hereby adopts the amendment to the NYC Building Code Reference Standard RS 4 and RS 4-4 Flood Insurance Rate Map.*

Date: August 17, 2007  
New York, New York

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Patricia J. Lancaster, FAIA  
Commissioner

New material is underlined  
Material in [brackets] is existing text to be deleted  
\*\*\* Denotes unchanged text

§1. The list of referenced national standards at the beginning of Reference Standard RS-4 Building Limitations of the appendix to chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code is hereby amended as follows:

**REFERENCE STANDARD RS 4 BUILDING LIMITATIONS  
LIST OF REFERENCED NATIONAL STANDARDS**

FEMA Maps of the special flood hazard areas of the City of New York, community-panel Numbers 3604970001 to [0153] 3604970457 inclusive, [effective date] revised: [May 21, 2001] September 5,  
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A scientific and engineering report entitled “Flood Insurance Study, City of New York[,]; New York, Bronx, Queens, New York, Kings, and Richmond Counties” [dated] revised...September 5, [May 21,]  
200[1]7

[Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (multiple panels) Index No. 360497 0001- 0153, whose effective date is..... May 21, 2001

Letter of Map Revision effective July 3, 2002, FEMA case # 01-02-045P, revising FIRM panel 0149.....2002

The Flood Insurance Study and/or maps are on file at: The Department of City Planning, Waterfront Division, 22 Reade Street, New York, New York.

The maps for Staten Island are on file at: The Office of the Borough President, Topographical Bureau, Staten Island Borough Hall, and the Borough Office of the Department of Buildings, Staten Island Borough Hall.]

The Flood Insurance Study and maps are available at:

- The Department of City Planning, Waterfront Division, 22 Reade Street, New York, New York
- The borough offices of the Department of Buildings
- www.fema.gov

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§2. Reference Standard RS 4-4 Flood Insurance Rate Map of the appendix to chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code is hereby amended as follows:

#### **REFERENCE STANDARD RS 4-4**

#### **FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**

The areas of special flood hazard are identified and defined on the following documents prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

(1) Flood Insurance Rate Map (multiple panels) Index No. 3604970001 to [0153] 3604970457 [whose effective date is May 21], revised...September 5, 200[1]7.

(2) A scientific and engineering report entitled “Flood Insurance Study, City of New York[,]; New York, Bronx, Queens, New York, Kings, and Richmond Counties” [dated May 21,] revised...September 5, 200[1]7.

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§3. This amendment to RS 4 and 4-4 shall be effective September 5, 2007.

### **STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE**

The Flood Hazard Mapping Program, administered by FEMA, has adopted a new flood hazard information product, Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM), which will become effective on September 5, 2007. The DFIRM database is a digital version of the FEMA flood insurance rate map that is designed for use with digital mapping and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. This amendment must be enacted promptly to ensure the City of New York's continued compliance and eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).