

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

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: Borough Superintendents

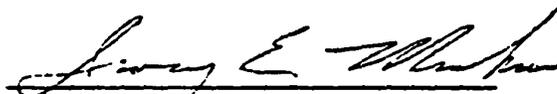
FROM: Director of Operations Irving E. Minkin

SUBJECT: Local Law No. 8 /76, in Relation to
Stair Enclosures

The Mayor signed Intro No. 429 into law today, under Local Law No. 8 /76.

This law amends section C26-604.8(i)-1(g) of the Administrative Code in regard to stairway enclosures for most multiple dwellings so as to authorize, in lieu of masonry, an equivalent material approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals having at least a two-hour fire-resistant rating.

At present, no "equivalent" material has been approved by the Board for use as stairway enclosures under the above-mentioned section of law; and, prior Board approvals of shaft enclosures or other two-hour rated partitions shall not be accepted as meeting the equivalency requirement unless expressly stated in writing by the Board. It is anticipated that the Board may require demonstration of penetration resistance and smoke tightness before amending prior approvals, or granting new ones.


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