

August 27, 2014

Commissioner Rick Chandler
280 Broadway, 7th Floor
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Dear Commissioner Chandler,

We write to you with respect to the upcoming adoption of the updated New York City Construction Codes. As you know, the City passed new construction codes in December 2013, updating the Building Code, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, and Fuel Gas Code. The new codes are the result of the NYC Department of Buildings Code Revision process as well as other local laws passed by the City Council in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. Many of the new updates incorporate changes to the 2009 International Building Code as well as allowances for the latest technologies, materials, and construction methods.

The new codes take effect October 1, 2014 for all new construction and alteration projects that submit construction documents on or after that date. Site safety work with plans approved on or after 10/1/14 must follow the new code, while full demolition projects must be permitted in advance of 10/1/14 to use the 2008 Code. Given the number of significant amendments adopted during code revision, we are concerned that there may not be sufficient time to fully educate stakeholders prior to the quickly approaching adoption.

We would like you to ask the Department of Buildings to delay the effective date of the new provisions until three months after the 2014 New York City Construction Codes have been printed, or January 1, 2015. The additional lead time will only help to ensure compliance within the real estate industry and provide relief to the industry concerns regarding complying with new codes before they are readily available.

We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you very much, and we look forward to hearing from you.

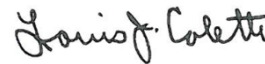
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