

September 11, 2014

City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Mark-Viverito,

We write to you with respect to the upcoming adoption of the updated New York City Construction Codes. As you know, the Council introduced a technical amendment bill to finish updating the Building Code, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, and Fuel Gas Code yesterday. In addition to the corrections being put forth, a much needed extension for the effective date for the codes was introduced as well.


The new codes currently 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 to offer our support for Int. No. 474 as it will lead to a smoother transition between Codes by moving the effective date of the new provisions to December 31, 2014. 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.

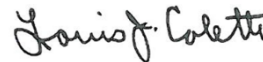
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