

# CITY BRIEFS

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## Summer Street Construction Embargo

A construction embargo will be in effect for the following three Saturdays in August, 8/7, 8/14, and 8/21. In the past this embargo has greatly affected the issuance of After Hour Variances in buildings which fall in-between the embargo boundaries. To learn more about the summer street construction embargo and to find out if your building will be affected, click [here](#).

## National and State Historical Sites Exempt From New Energy Code Requirements

There seems to be some misleading information floating around these days with regard to the new energy code compliance requirements. If you are applying to do work on a Landmarked property, you are only exempt from meeting the energy requirements as they relate to the exterior building envelope and exterior lighting. All HVAC systems and interior lighting systems are required to meet the energy code requirements. Only if your property is listed as a National or State Historical Site will you be exempt from all energy code requirements. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Roof Decks

After some fires earlier this summer related to roof decks the DOB is forming a task force to crack down on roof decks that are non-compliant. Roof decks are not permitted to be constructed of a combustible material for greater than 20% of the area of the roof. This includes the surface area of any combustible privacy walls. In addition, Ipe (a Brazilian wood) has in previous years has been considered exempt, however this is no longer the case.

## Fast-track your OP98's

Rejections of self certification (OP98) plumbing forms are now being made available online. Any application received by the DOB by 2:30 will be made available the same day by 4:00. To find out if your job was rejected, you can check the job number with the database. For more information visit [here](#).