

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 31, 1984

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Deputy Commissioner Irving E. Minkin, P.E.

SUBJECT: Private Streets

As most of you recall several years ago I sat down with Phil Goldstein, Phil Olin and George Berger, and with personnel from DEP (Water Resources), DOT (Highways), Department of City Planning (S.I. Office) and Fire Department (Division of Fire Prevention) and reached a consensus in that private streets within single zoning lots should be developed in accordance with all residential street standards of all agencies involved; and the matter which delayed finalizing the procedure was my hopeful anticipation that Highways and Water Resources would agree to a formalized review procedure where they would relieve us of the burden of detailed review. The latter did not come to pass, but I anticipated that all boroughs would be applying the substantive specifications for private streets, whether internal within a zoning lot, or unmapped streets providing access to independent zoning lots, nonetheless.

A recent investigation disclosed that this is not happening, and, I have been requested to ask the Borough Superintendents to achieve a level of conformity consistent with the foregoing. Accordingly, I would appreciate if you would assimilate all the relevant standards and specifications, including the standard promulgated by the Fire Department as an outgrowth of the above-mentioned meetings, and prepare a draft memorandum for Commissioner Smith's signature in furtherance of the above at your next Borough Superintendents Technical meeting; or, discuss same, and achieve the desired result as soon as possible.



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