



Commissioner's Bulletin
Inspectional Services Department
Boston, MA

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Subject: RODENT EXTERMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Purpose: This bulletin is issued to ensure the consistent application of rodent extermination guidelines as they apply for building permit approval. It replaces Commissioner's Bulletin 1993-01.

Determination:

1. In accordance with the authority granted to the Commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department, by the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR Chapter 1; Massachusetts State Sanitary Code, Chapter 1, 105CMR400.100 and Chapter 2, 105CMR410.550; and the City of Boston Code, Ordinance Chapter 167, Section 31 and Chapter 9, Section 1.2, it is established that the control of rodent infestation is a precondition for the issuance of a building permit to do the work described in paragraph two below.
 - 1.1 A permit application which includes as part of the construction activity: foundation excavation, foundation construction or foundation reconstruction, complete or partial exterior demolition, installation of in ground swimming pools, new construction, basement work which involves excavation and any other activity which requires the excavation of soil in and around the construction site shall not be approved unless the application is accompanied by either a signed statement from a licensed exterminator on letterhead listing the name, address and phone number of the exterminator, stating that the premises are free from rodent infestation; or an approved Integrated Pest Management (IPM) contract for rodent control measures from a licensed exterminator.
 - 1.2 All contracts for rodent extermination must consist of an IPM plan.
 - 1.2.1 At a minimum, the corrective measures shall include baiting before, during and at the conclusion of the construction activity.
 - 1.2.2 The Environmental Services Unit (ESU) of the Inspectional Services Department for the City of Boston shall review all such contracts.
 - 1.2.3 The ESU may require changes in the pest control contract if, in the unit's opinion, based on the nature of the construction

activity and the extent of the infestation, the corrective measures are insufficient.

1.2.4 The permit applicant shall be held responsible for corrective measures if the construction activity creates or intensifies rodent infestation to the immediate abutters.

2. Compliance with this policy shall be monitored by the ESU of the Inspectional Services Department.
 3. No permit and/or certificate of occupancy shall be issued if there is an unresolved complaint reported to the Building and Structures Division by the ESU.
 4. Effective date 2.24.10
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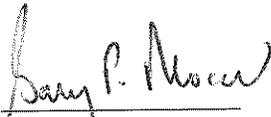
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