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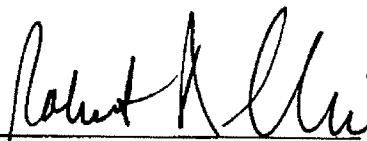
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Statement of Substantial Need for Earlier Implementation

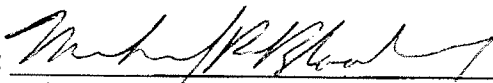
I hereby find, pursuant to §1043, subdivision e, paragraph 1(c) of the New York City Charter, and hereby represent to the Mayor, that there is substantial need for the implementation of new Section §101-06 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, regarding qualification and approval of special inspection agencies, upon the publication in the City Record of its Notice of Adoption.

This is one of the rules needed to implement the City's new Construction Codes. Under current law, registered design professionals are the only people authorized to conduct "controlled inspections," inspections performed during the progress of work at certain critical junctures and on certain critical components of a structure. In fact, many of such inspections are performed by technicians working under the supervision of a registered design professional and there are no required qualifications for such technicians. This has enabled inspections and tests to be performed by those who may not necessarily have the appropriate knowledge to evaluate the installation or material in light of technical standards.

The rule addresses that problem. It will require that people with prescribed qualifications perform the required inspections and tests. And by prescribing qualifications beyond those possessed by registered design professionals, it will expand the supply of such trained personnel. Finally, by setting consistent standards for the qualification of special inspectors, the rule will enhance the safety and integrity of construction inspections and tests.



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APPROVED: 
Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

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