



## PULSE

### Law and Legislation

New York City's new **Local Law 58/09** became effective in March, requiring all buildings to comply by **June 2, 2010**. No matter what size or occupancy use, every building in New York City must paint all exposed standpipes and sprinkler piping red. In addition, all dedicated standpipe valve handles must be painted red, while all combination standpipe valves handles must be painted yellow, and all dedicated sprinkler valve handles must be painted green.

Existing buildings as well as new construction must comply with these new regulations and must provide the city with proof of compliance. Only licensed Master Plumbers, licensed Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractors, registered design professionals or those with appropriate Fire Department Certificate of Fitness are authorized by the city's Department of Buildings to perform certification of compliance.

"The new standpipe/sprinkler law regarding color coding affects every building

in New York City," explains **Bob Bellini**, President of the **Master Plumbers Council of the City of New York**, and President of **Varsity Plumbing and Heating, Inc.** "Not only does every building have to hire a professional to paint all standpipes, sprinkler pipes and valve handles, but each building must also have a certified professional sign off that they have properly complied with Local Law 58/09. Every building must keep a signed certification document on the premises at all times, for DOB and FDNY inspection."

The new law went into effect on **March 2, 2010**, and compliance is required by **June 2, 2010**. This gives property owners and managers just two more months to get the work done and have the required certification in place.

Certification forms are still not available but are expected to be so shortly. In the meantime, more information about Local Law 58/09 can be found at the Department of Buildings website, [www.nyc.gov/html/dob](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob). For more information on hiring certified professionals to comply with the new law, contact Bellini at **718-358-5400**.

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