



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL SIERRA CONSULTING GROUP, INC. CLIENTS**

**Effective Date: January 1, 2022**

Over the past few months, our President Joe Caracappa, as the Northeast Region Director of International Association of Elevator Consultants (IAEC) has been closely following and keeping industry leaders updated on the upcoming NYC Building code changes that was voted on by City Council Thursday, October 7, 2021. The IAEC organization brings together **qualified** professionals with a proven track record to improve the general function of the elevator consulting industry in all its phases, and to create a forum for consulting professionals in the vertical transportation industry to exchange ideas, reports, innovations, and regulations, all of which are designed to improve the vertical transportation industry and guarantee excellence and professionalism to our clients. Sierra Consulting Group, Inc. is at the forefront of this new requirement. Clarifications were requested of the NYC DOB, which we hope to have soon. As soon as that additional information becomes available, we will provide the same. Below, we have provided a brief review of what we currently know.

**Periodic Inspection requirements and changes to the Category inspection timeframes are effective January 1, 2022 (Article 303 Boilers and Article 304).**

- **As of October 7<sup>th</sup>.2021, New York City Council has voted in approval to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, the NYC plumbing code, the NYC building code, the NYC city mechanical code and the NYC fuel gas code.**

### **PERIODIC INSPECTIONS: NYC BUILDING CODE CHANGES**

- **Periodic inspections shall now become the responsibility of the building owners. This new requirement will replace PVT Inspections/Violations issued by the city.**
- **NYC will now be outsourcing these periodic inspections to be completed by approved elevator agencies. Approved elevator agencies such as Sierra Consulting Group, inc. will be performing these periodic inspections as an approved agency not affiliated with agency performing the maintenance. Please be advised to be cautious as unestablished agencies that may try to contact you regarding the facilitation of these periodic inspections. Significant tracking services will be required to ensure all inspections are completed in a timely manner and within the guidelines of the NYC DOB. Sierra Consulting Group, Inc. has been established since 2004, has thirty (30) full time employees and is well equipped to handle all NYC Building Code Changes on your behalf.**



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- The Periodic Inspections shall be now performed between January 1st and December 31st of each year at a **minimum of three (3) months** from the date of any Category 1 testing or previous periodic inspection.
- Initial periodic inspections on new installations must be performed in the calendar year following the final acceptance test.
- **Filing** of Periodic Inspections in DOB NOW must be completed within **fourteen (14) days** of the date of Inspection. All defects noted in such periodic inspection report must be corrected within **Ninety (90) days** after the date of inspection. An **Affirmation of Correction** shall be filed within **Fourteen (14) days** after the date of correction

#### **CATEGORY INSPECTIONS 1 & 5: NYC BUILDING CODE CHANGES**

Category Inspection Timeframes for filing ELV3 and ELV29 for Category 1 & 5 inspections have been shortened.

- **CATEGORY INPSECTION FILINGS:** The completed reports, with all applicable signatures, shall be filed within **twenty-one (21) days** after the date of the test.
- **AFFIRMATION OF CORRECTIONS:** All defects as found in such category test report shall be corrected within **Ninety (90) days** after the date of test. An Affirmation of Correction shall be filed within **fourteen (14) days** of the date of correction.
- **DOBNOW SIGNATURES:** The Category inspections shall now only require four (4) signatures, performing agency signatures, owner signature and witnessing agency director signature.

Please feel free to contact **SIERRA CONSULTING GROUP, INC.** for any questions. Please contact [Joe@sierrany.com](mailto:Joe@sierrany.com) or [compliance@sierrany.com](mailto:compliance@sierrany.com) and we will assist with all information, organization, planning and will facilitate this process for you with great efficiency and ease.