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Boston Facade Ordinance Summary

YEAR ENACTED

1995

ORDINANCE OR LAW

Ordinance 9.9-12

CODE

Supplemental to the Massachusetts State Building Code

SECTION

Same as ordinance section above

ADMINISTERED BY

Inspectional Services Department

ADDRESS

1010 Massachusetts Avenue
5th Floor
Boston, MA 02118

TELEPHONE NUMBER

617.635.5300

FREQUENCY AND DUE DATE OF REPORTS

5 years, every year for unoccupied structures

WHICH BUILDINGS ARE SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE?

All buildings at or greater than 70 feet in height or classified as a high-rise structure

EXEMPT BUILDINGS

Residential buildings that are classified as three family, two family, or single family, except as required by the Commissioner

ACCEPTABLE INSPECTORS

Architects and structural engineers or personnel under their direct supervision

EXTERIOR WALL SUBJECT TO INSPECTION

All walls

HIGH RISE DEFINITION

Buildings that are 7 stories or more. In addition, the International Building Code defines a high rise as a building with an occupied floor located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access

METHOD OF INSPECTION

Visual surveys for walls less than 125 feet in height and 1 close range visual inspection drop per facade for buildings greater than 125 feet in height.

FINES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

\$100/day



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