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April 14, 1998

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Bob Bersani, Inspectional Services

Subject: Council Order #037, dated 4/6/98 RE: REPORT AS TO WHETHER DRAWINGS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY CITY OFFICES SUCH AS ISD OR THE BZA INCLUDE MECHANICALS.

The Inspectional Services Department does conduct a review of mechanicals in accordance with Chapter 28 (Mechanical Systems Provisions) of the Building Code as part of the building permit application review.

For mechanical equipment located on roofs, the Zoning Ordinance exempts such equipment from the height limitations of this Ordinance. However, for those projects approved under a variance or special permit from the BZA, project approval is generally conditioned on construction being in "approximate conformance" with the plans approved by the BZA. Thus, in the case where elevations are approved by the BZA showing roof top mechanical equipment, the applicant is required to construct in approximate conformance to those approved plans unless subsequent relief is granted.

In the future, the Inspectional Services Department will make a concerted effort to insure that plans accompanying BZA applications show in elevation and plan at least the outline of the exterior mechanical equipment proposed such that this factor can be considered by that Board in their review.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Bersani

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May 4, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 18, regarding a report as to whether drawings reviewed and approved by City offices such as Inspectional Services or the Board of Zoning Appeals include mechanicals, received from Inspectional Services Commissioner Robert Bersani.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #5

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Regarding a report as
to whether drawings reviewed
and approved by City offices
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or the Board of Zoning Appeals
include mechanicals.

In City Council May 4, 1998

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