

## THE NEW NYC CONSTRUCTION CODES EFFECTIVE DATES



On July 3, 2007, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg signed [Local Law 33/2007](#), creating the new NYC Construction Codes. The Construction Codes consist of Administrative Provisions, Building, Fuel Gas and Mechanical Codes. The New Construction Codes also incorporate the Plumbing Code, previously enacted under [Local Law 99/2005](#).

The new NYC Construction Codes are effective July 1, 2008, but will not be mandated for new construction projects until July 1, 2009. During that interim period, those preparing new construction plans may use either the new NYC Construction Codes or the [1968 Building Code](#).

However, certain Administrative Procedures and Code sections **must** be adhered to beginning July 1, 2008, even if the practitioner has chosen to use the 1968 Building Code for a new construction project. The following flowcharts will help you understand when you have the option to use the new NYC Construction Codes and when you **must** use the new NYC Construction Codes.

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## Additional Resources

If you have any questions regarding the new NYC Construction Codes, please email:

[ConstructionCodes@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:ConstructionCodes@buildings.nyc.gov)



You can view individual chapters of the new NYC Construction Codes. On the Code web page, select the link to the NYC Construction Codes and then click the ["item-by-item"](#) link.

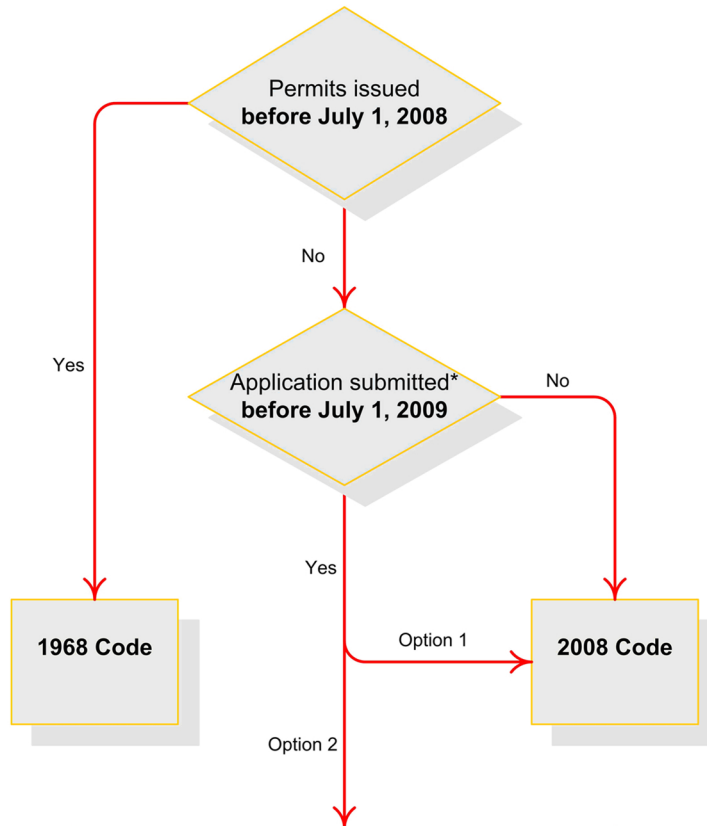
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# Which code applies?

## New Buildings



**1968 Code\*\***, except that the following must comply with the **2008 Code**:

1. Administration, including:
  - Fees
  - Approval of construction documents
  - Issuance of permits
  - Issuance of certificate of occupancy
  - Special inspections
  - Use of materials
2. Enforcement, violations, fines, penalties
3. Safety of public and property during construction (BC Chapter 33)

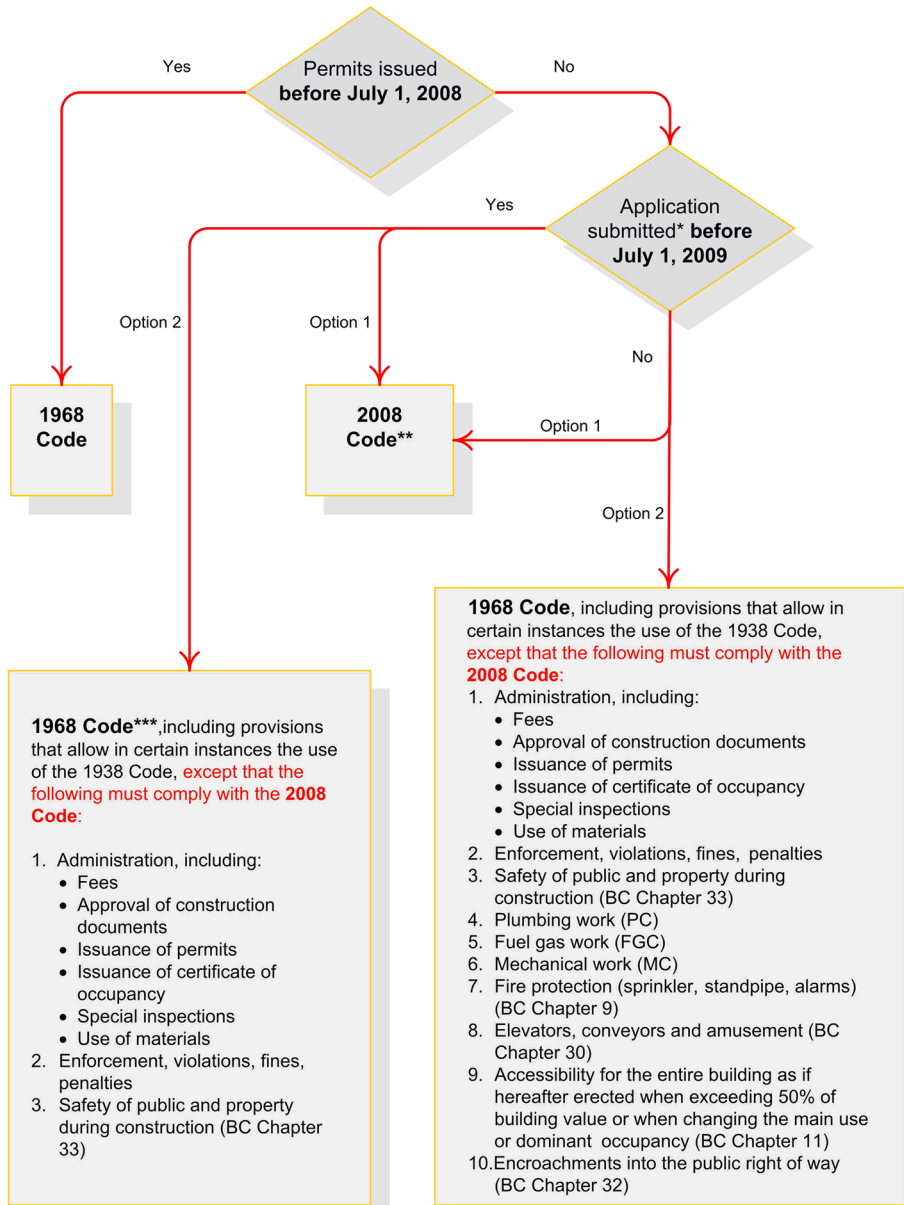
\* Submission of application for construction document approval

\*\* In addition, this option remains available only if:

- (1) the application is not abandoned;
- (2) the work is commenced within 12 months of issuance of a permit, and
- (3) the work is diligently carried out to completion

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## Alterations to Existing Buildings



\* Submission of application for construction document approval

\*\* The 2008 Code cannot be elected where the 2008 Code provisions as applied to the particular building would result in a reduction in fire safety or structural safety. As an alternative, the entire building may be made to comply with 2008 Code

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