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Subject: Plans/Sketches for the Upgrade and Installation of Smoke Alarms in  
Hotels and Multiple Dwellings

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There continues to be confusion over what guidelines code officials should follow when issuing a permit for the upgrading and installation of smoke alarms in existing hotels and multiple dwellings.

To encourage the owners of hotels and multiple dwellings to upgrade smoke alarms in these buildings, the Department of Community Affairs recommends that the requirements for sealed plans be waived when, in the opinion of the construction official and appropriate subcode officials, the sketches submitted with the permit application by the installer/applicant are legible, complete, and sufficient to determine full compliance with the regulations.

The Department treats this type of work as minor in nature, where plans will serve no useful code enforcement purpose.