

Provided that any person whose building is so disapproved may, by written notice to the Commissioner, require that the position and direction of the future street or of the proposed public street under section 205 in the vicinity of his intended building be forthwith laid down and determined and if such requisition be not complied with within six months from the date thereof, may, subject to all other provisions of the Act and the rules applicable thereto, proceed with the erection of the building;

(c) the erection of any such building in any part of the City may be disapproved by the Commissioner if such building or any portion thereof crosses within the line of any street the position and direction of which has been laid down by the Commissioner, with the approval of the Standing Committee, but which has not been actually constructed, or within the regular line up a new public street or of the extension of an existing public street which the Commissioner has been authorised to lay out under section 205;

(d) the foundation of any such building shall not be constructed on any site which has been filled up with, or has been used as a place for depositing, excrementitious matter or the carcasses of dead animals or other filthy or offensive matter, until such matter shall have been properly removed or rendered innocuous to the satisfaction of the Commissioner;

(e) the sub-soil of the site of a building shall, whenever the dampness or position of the site renders the precaution necessary, be effectually drained and the Commissioner may require such measures to be taken as will effectually protect the building from damp arising from the sub-soil.

8. (1) Where the Commissioner is of opinion that the means of egress from any building are insufficient to allow of safe exit in the event of fire, or are by any cause rendered inadequate he may, by written notice, require the owner or occupier of the building to alter or reconstruct any existing staircase, lobby, passage or landing in such manner and with such materials or to provide such additional or emergency staircase or exits as he may prescribe.

Provision of sufficient means of egress.

(2) Every staircase, landing or common passage of every building on each floor shall be kept free from obstruction, and no person shall permit any article to remain in any staircase, landing or common passage of any building in such a manner as may impede the passage of persons into, through and out of the said building.

(3) The existence of any article in any such staircase, landing or a common passage in any building shall be *prima facie* evidence that it was placed or permitted to remain therein by the owner or occupier of the building.

Inspection and occupation of buildings after completion.

9. For the purpose of section 263-

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(a) inspection shall be commenced within seven days from the date of receipt of the notice of completion, and

(b) the Commissioner may, within seven days from the date of commencement of such inspection, by written intimation addressed to the person from whom the notice of completion was received, and delivered at his address as stated in such notice, or in the absence of such address, affixed to a conspicuous part of the building to which such notice relates:-

(i) give permission for the occupation of such building or for the use of the building or part thereof affected by such work, or

(ii) refuse such permission in case such building has been erected or such work executed so as to contravene any provisions of this Act or of the rules or by-laws, or