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# OPERATION OF ELEVATORS IN EXISTING BUILDINGS

LAMC Section 92.0109 of the Elevator Code requires every inhabited building that is provided with an elevator to have one operational elevator serving all levels of the building.

However, the code does not contain any provisions for existing residential buildings which contain passenger elevators which were installed at a time when no code provision existed requiring an elevator. In some cases building owners of residential buildings have decided to make existing elevators inoperative in older existing residential buildings. In almost every case, these existing elevators had not been required at the time of installation in any of these buildings.

Therefore, where an elevator is not required by LAMC Section 92.0109 and the owner wishes to make it inoperative, the owner may submit an application to do so through the Department's Elevator Section. Their approval is subject to several conditions which are necessary to make the elevator permanently inoperative and concurrence from the Department's Disabled Access Section is required.