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**LOAD BEARING CAPACITIES AT VARIOUS BUILDINGS IN THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

The following restrictions are self explanatory and are to be strictly adhered to at all times.

UNITED STATES CAPITOL BUILDING

No Fire Department vehicle shall enter or use the roadways within the grounds of the U.S. Capitol Building unless responding to alarms or emergencies within the Capitol Building or grounds, or unless on official business at the Capitol.

Under no circumstances shall apparatus be driven onto the slag roof terrace surrounding the North, South, and West sides of the U.S. Capitol Building.

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Fire Department has been informed that a determination has been made by a group of consulting engineers that the load-bearing capacity of the roadway of the Kennedy Center, 2698 F Street, N.W. **will** withstand the weight of all apparatus of the Department.

Therefore the following restrictions shall be strictly adhered to by all companies responding to this location.

All apparatus may be driven upon and perform service from the roadway on the east front of the Kennedy Center.

No apparatus shall be driven upon the concrete terraces abutting the North, South, or West sides of the Kennedy Center.

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

The Fire Department has been informed that a determination has been made by the General Engineer of the National Zoological Park, concerning the structural capacity of the parking deck over the new maintenance shop at the Zoo.

Therefore the following restrictions shall be strictly adhered to by all companies responding to this location.

No apparatus shall be driven upon the parking deck over the maintenance shop at the Zoo.

VAN NESS PLAZAS

The Fire Department has been informed that a determination has been made that the Plazas in front of the following locations will not support the weight of Fire Department Wagons, Squads, or Aerial Trucks:

Van Ness East - 2939 Van Ness Street, N.W.

Van Ness South - 3001 Veazy Terrace, N.W.

Van Ness North - 3003 Van Ness Street, N.W.

These Plazas are used for automobiles; therefore, no restrictions apply to Chief's buggies or Ambulances.

The following locations have restrictions which prohibit fire apparatus due to load bearing limitations. (Wagons, Squads, Aerial Trucks, Haz Mat Unit, and support vehicles.)

PARK SOUTHERN APARTMENTS

800 Southern Avenue, S.E.

Restriction: upper level plaza

PENN-BRANCH SHOPPING CENTER

3200 Block of Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E.

Restriction: 6 ton limit on upper level parking lot

MUSEUM of HISTORY and TECHNOLOGY

1300 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Restriction: front access walk is erected over a parking garage

OLD GENERAL ELECTRIC WAREHOUSE

705 Edgewood Street, N.E.

Restriction: access ramp and roof parking area

637 EDGEWOOD STREET, N.E.

Restriction: parking lot in front of 635 Edgewood Street, N.E.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE-KRUG HALL

Restriction: parking area in front

GALLAUDET COLLEGE-M.S.S.D. BUILDING

Middle Secondary School for the Deaf

Restriction: parking area-west side

The BRIDGE on JEFFERSON DRIVE over 12th STREET, N.W.

Restriction: 3 ton limit on bridge