



NYC Department of Buildings
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Electrical Division

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Dear Construction Shed Company/Owner:

Buildings Department ("Department") records indicate you were issued a construction permit(s) prior to July 1, 2007 to construct a sidewalk shed/bridge. As you may already be aware, all sidewalk shed installations must have adequate lighting in accordance with Section 27-1021(b)(10) of the New York City Administrative Code ("Building Code"). Such lighting must be installed by a New York City Licensed Electrician as required by Section 27-3017 of the New York City Administrative Code ("Electrical Code"). Additionally, please be aware that recent amendments to the Electrical Code, effective January 1, 2007, have added certain lighting requirements for these sheds.

In an effort to safeguard the public, the Department is evaluating all sidewalk shed lighting installed prior to July 1, 2007. If your sidewalk shed does not meet the above requirements or does not have an associated electrical permit, you may retain a Licensed Electrician to perform an inspection of the installation and submit a written statement to the Department's Electrical Division. The Department will be accepting statements until **December 31, 2007**. The statement must include the following:

- a) The location of the sidewalk shed installation;
- b) The Alteration Type-2 or Type-3 permit number for the sidewalk shed/bridge; and
- c) The electrical permit number associated with the sidewalk shed.

As part of the statement your Licensed Electrician must state for each installation that he/she has visited the sidewalk shed, performed an inspection of the lighting and has determined that it meets the following minimum requirements:

- a) All power to the electrical shed installation is ground fault interruption (GFI) protected as per NEC NYC amended section 590.6;
- b) The installation is properly grounded and bonded as per NEC Article 250;
- c) All raceways are terminated and supported properly as per NEC Article 300; and
- d) The installation does not pose a safety hazard to the public.

Each statement must be on the Licensed Electrician's company letterhead and must be signed and sealed by the Licensed Electrician. Your Licensed Electrician must submit his/her statements to:

**NYC Department of Buildings
Central Inspections – Electrical Division
280 Broadway, 4th Floor
New York, New York 10007
Fax: (212) 566-5603**

Please keep in mind the Department will only be accepting these statements until **December 31, 2007**. If you do not submit a statement to the Department, a violation may be issued against you.

Additionally, if you do not have an electrical permit associated with the sidewalk shed by December 31, 2007, you may be issued a violation for work without a permit and civil penalties may be imposed.

When the sidewalk shed construction permit is renewed, you must have an associated electrical permit and the lighting installation must be brought into compliance with the National Electrical Code (NEC) 2005 Electrical Code and the NYC Amendments to the 2005 NEC (Local Law 49/2006).

Important Note: Submitting the above-referenced statements will not result in the dismissal of any violation(s) previously issued. In order to have the violation(s) dismissed, the violating condition must be cured or removed.

Thank you for your cooperation; if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Customer Service at (212) 227-4416.