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What's New

Buildings Department Combats Illegal Advertising Signs



A new enforcement campaign was launched on January 9, 2007, to combat illegal advertising signs posted on sidewalk sheds. As part of the pilot program, the Buildings Department will cover illegal advertising signs that building owners have failed to remove after notification and warning. For more information on the enforcement campaign, view the [press release](#). Visit the [Signs](#) section of our website to read more about [Advertising Signs on Sheds](#), [Scaffolds and Construction Fences](#).

New ED-16A Form for Licensed Electricians

To comply with [recent amendments](#) to the Electrical Code, a new [ED-16A](#) form for filing all types of electrical work, including the removal of violations, was launched on January 2, 2007. To make it easier for users, the new ED-16A no longer requires the owner's signature. However, where an owner's authorization is required by the Electrical Code, the Licensed Electrician must certify that he or she has the authorization in writing and that it will be available to the Department upon request. The new ED-16A form should only be filed by licensed electricians.

Supported Scaffold Law - Local Law 52

We've updated our [Local Law 52 fact sheet](#) (25 kb pdf) and [training provider list](#) (22 kb-pdf)! [Local Law 52](#) ensures safe and compliant construction throughout all five boroughs, by requiring a permit for all supported scaffolds 40 feet or higher. In addition, Local Law 52 of 2005 requires individuals who use, erect, maintain, dismantle, repair or modify a supported scaffold to have a certificate of completion in a scaffold safety program.

Buildings Around Town

Commissioner Presents Annual Lifetime Achievement Award

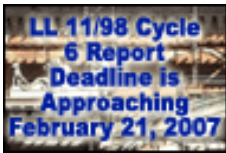
On November 30, 2006, Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster, FAIA spoke at the Queens Chamber of Commerce 94th Annual Building Awards. At the dinner, Commissioner Lancaster talked about the recent reforms and changes at the Buildings Department and outlined the [2006 - 2009 Strategic Plan](#) (2,746 kb-pdf). View a [photo](#) from the event.

Reminders

Upcoming Deadlines



February 2, 2007: [Appeals and protests to the FEMA proposed Flood Insurance Rate Maps](#). Check our website for more information and [instructions to submit an appeal or protest to FEMA's preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps \(FIRMs\) and Flood Insurance Study \(FIS\)](#) through the NYC Department of Buildings.



February 21, 2007: LL 11/98 Facade Report. The [Local Law 11/98 Facade Inspection](#) and Facade repairs must be completed and submitted to the Department of Buildings. Don't wait until the deadline. File today!

Did You Know?

Did you know that all five borough offices are now hosting Homeowner's Night every Tuesday night? Join us on any Tuesday, in any borough office, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to have your individual questions answered. We're always looking for new ways to make it easier for you to do business with us!

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