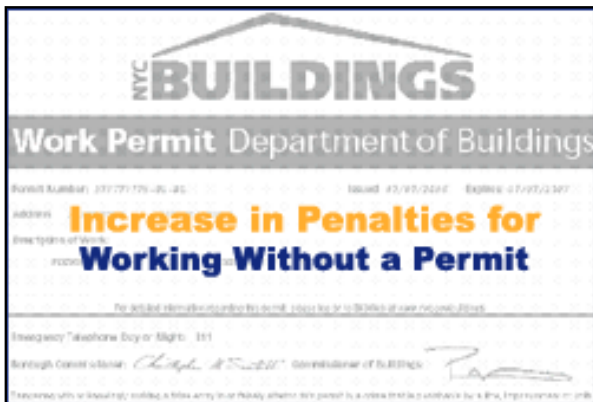




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What's New

Civil Penalties Increased for Working Without a Permit



As of February 5, 2007, civil penalties associated with Work Without a Permit violations are being assessed with a new fee structure. For one and two family houses, penalties are now four times the amount of the permit filing fee, and for all other work without a permit, penalties have increased to fourteen times the amount of the permit filing fee. View the [fact sheet](#) (54 kb-pdf) and [service notice](#) (24 kb-pdf) for more information.

Mayor Signs Bills Targeting Abuse of Professional Certification



On February 15, 2007, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg signed two bills to address professional engineers and registered architects who abuse their privilege to self-certify that plans they have prepared for construction projects comply with the Building Code and Zoning Resolution.

The first bill, [308-A](#) (10 kb-pdf), requires the Buildings Department to conduct full examination of all plans and applications that are submitted by any professional engineer or registered architect on probation by the State Board of Regents, effectively suspending self-certification privileges for the duration of probation.

The second bill, [309-A](#) (22 kb-pdf) requires the Buildings Department to suspend or revoke the professional certification privileges of those who knowingly and negligently certify false or non-compliant building permit applications or plans.

View the [press release](#) or watch the video in [56k](#) or [300k](#) for more information.

Deadline Alert

The [Local Law 11/98 Facade Inspection Report](#) deadline is February 21, 2007. If you have not submitted your LL 11/98 Facade Report yet, we encourage you to file soon to avoid excessive late fees. **There will be a late fee of \$150 per month until an acceptable LL11/98 report is submitted.**

Did You Know?

In the first months of Fiscal Year 2007, Buildings exceeded performance targets, responding to 97% of emergency complaints within one and a half days, conducting increased construction inspections and cutting the time to complete first plan review. The [Preliminary Mayor's Management Report](#) was released last week, and provides a snapshot of how the City performed four months into the fiscal year. View the [press release](#) for more information.

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