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What's New

Second Phase of Campaign Against Illegal Advertising Launched



On July 25, 2007, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster, FAIA, launched phase two of the Department's enforcement campaign against illegal advertising. Expanding upon a crackdown on illegal advertising on sidewalk sheds initiated in January, this second phase targets illegal advertising signs on building walls. These signs, also known as "flex signs", are generally large in size and mounted by anchors to the exterior wall of a building. View the [press release](#) for more information.

Brooklyn to Launch B-SCAN

Making it Easier



On July 30, 2007, the Brooklyn Borough Office will launch the Buildings Scan and Capture Application Network ([B-SCAN](#)) document management system. B-SCAN scans virtually all contents of a job folder (with the exception of plans) for the electronic processing, storage and online retrieval of documents associated with New Building and Alteration applications. Already enabled in Staten Island and the Bronx, B-SCAN will be implemented citywide over the next few months. View the [fact sheet](#) (42 kb-pdf) for more information.

2007 NYC Electrical Code Now Available

Information You Need To Know



The 2007 New York City Electrical Code is now available at [CityStore!](#) This volume includes the National Electrical Code (NEC), the most widely adopted electrical code in the nation, in its entirety so you no longer have to reference two separate books. In this new copy, the NEC has been clearly highlighted so you can quickly see where New York City has made important local changes. Get your [copy](#) today!

Coming Soon!

Stop Work Order Patrol Expansion

Dedicated to Safety



Beginning August 6, 2007, the Buildings Department and the [Department of Finance](#) will be expanding the Stop Work Order Patrol to the Bronx and Staten Island. Comprised of a team of Buildings inspectors and City Sheriffs, the Stop Work Order Patrol proactively monitors and inspects sites where Stop Work Orders are in effect to ensure compliance. In addition, as of

February 2007, penalties for violating a Stop Work Order have increased. View the [service announcement](#) (44 kb-pdf) for more information.

Training & Workshops

Public Hearing On Minimal Noise Rules



On July 31, 2007, the [Department of Environmental Protection](#) is holding a public hearing to take comments on the proposed rule concerning the minimal noise impact of construction activities. This proposed rule lists certain construction activities and conditions that will be permitted outside the

allowable hours of construction outlined in the new [Noise Code](#). To comment, visit:

DEP, Office of Legal Affairs
59-17 Junction Boulevard, 6th Floor
Flushing, NY 11373

If you can't attend, feel free to write in your comments to the above address regarding the proposed rules on or before July 31, 2007.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the maximum fine for posting an advertising sign on a sidewalk shed can be as high as \$15,000? Visit our website to learn more about [sign regulations](#).

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