

UPCOMING CHANGE

Sidewalk Shed Lighting: New Requirements

Under [Local Law 51 of 2010](#), new safety requirements for sidewalk shed illumination take effect July 1, 2011.

Key Changes Affecting Sidewalk Sheds

- NYC Construction Codes §3307.6.5 specifies new illumination requirements.
- All sidewalk shed applications on or after July 2, 2011 must demonstrate compliance with NYC Construction Codes §3307.6.5.
- Contractors seeking permit renewals for existing sidewalk sheds must bring the shed into compliance with NYC Construction Codes §3307.6.5.
- Shed designs must meet performance standards established by §3307.6.5 and be consistent with the 2011 NYC Electrical Code. The applicant of record must have calculations/specifications that indicate the design meets those standards; these calculations/specifications must be made available to the Department upon request.
- Sidewalk shed plans must detail the lighting layout, including: type of fixtures; type and rating of light source; horizontal spacing of fixtures; vertical height of fixtures above sidewalk level; and type of conduit.
- Electrical permits are required, and only a Department-licensed electrician may install the electrical work.
- Shed lighting must be inspected each day. Inoperative lights must be repaired and replaced.