

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter, that the Department of Buildings hereby adopts Section 105-04 to Subchapter E of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York, regarding Applications Filed by a Licensed Sign Hanger.

This rule was first published on December 27, 2016 and a public hearing was held on January 30, 2017.

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New York, New York


Rick D. Chandler, P.E.
Commissioner

Statement of Basis and Purpose

The Department of Buildings (DOB) is adding a new Section 105-04 to Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY), which allows licensed sign hangers (Master Sign Hangers and Special Sign Hangers) to file applications to hoist, lower, hang, or attach certain wall-mounted, accessory signs and related structural elements (e.g. frames or columns) that comply with specified size and location requirements. Section 28-415.3 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York explains the difference between Master Sign Hangers and Special Sign Hangers. Master Sign Hangers hoist, lower, hang, or attach signs, irrespective of weight, upon or on the outside of a building. Special Sign Hangers hoist, lower, hang, or attach certain signs of limited size and weight upon or on the outside of a building. A "wall-mounted sign" is attached to or erected against the wall of a building or an independent wall structure. An "accessory" sign is a non-advertising sign that is clearly incidental to a zoning lot's principal use; Zoning Resolution Section 12-10 further defines "accessory" use. This rule is intended to encourage sign application filings with DOB by eliminating the need to hire registered design professionals in certain situations.

DOB's authority for this rule is found in Section 643 and 1043(a) of the New York City Charter and Section 28-104.6 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

"Shall" and "must" denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Section one. Subchapter E of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

§105-04 Applications Filed by a Licensed Sign Hanger

(a) Scope. This rule establishes when licensed Master Sign Hangers and Special Sign Hangers may file applications for permits to install signs and related structural elements.

(b) References. See Administrative Code (AC) section 28-104.6, item 5, and Administrative Code, Title 28, Article 415.

(c) Licensed Sign Hanger. The term Licensed Sign Hanger shall refer to the holder of a Master Sign Hanger or Special Sign Hanger license.

(d) Conditions for filing sign applications. Pursuant to Section 28-104.6, item 5, a Licensed Sign Hanger may file applications for permits to install a sign and any related structural elements, provided he or she complies with all the following:

(1) The sign application must comply with the applicable provisions of the New York City Building Code and Zoning Resolution.

(2) The application must be limited to wall-mounted, accessory signs.

(3) The area of the display face of any sign must not exceed one hundred fifty (150) square feet. The area of the sign includes the entirety of individual letters, groups of letters, symbols, images, or any portion thereof.

(4) The sign, or any portion of it, must not project more than 18 inches beyond the face of a building, regardless of the building's setback.

(5) The entire sign must be mounted below the height of the second story ceiling.

(6) The sign must not exceed three hundred (300) pounds in total weight. The total weight includes all portions of the sign and any related structural elements, including individual letters, groups of letters, symbols, images, associated electrical components, structural supports, hardware, framework, or any portion thereof, even if the sign is erected in stages or portions over time. If structural work beyond a frame or support used to provide rigidity is required, a registered design professional must design all structural plans.

(7) Signs must be mounted by means of mechanical anchors installed in accordance with the table below. Anchors must be fastened 12 inches on center, with a minimum of four anchors used. The anchors must be able to support an allowable stress of five times the weight of the sign and any related structural elements.

<u>Anchors in Concrete and Masonry Walls</u>	
<u>Anchor Diameter</u>	<u>Embedment Depth</u>
<u>1/4"</u>	<u>1" minimum</u>
<u>5/16"</u>	<u>1" minimum</u>
<u>3/8"</u>	<u>1-1/4" minimum</u>
<u>1/2"</u>	<u>1-1/2" minimum</u>
<u>5/8"</u>	<u>2" minimum</u>
<u>3/4"</u>	<u>2" minimum</u>
<u>Anchors in Wood Walls</u>	
<u>Anchor Diameter</u>	<u>Embedment Depth</u>
<u>1/4" to 3/4"</u>	<u>2" minimum</u>

(e) Prohibited filings. Notwithstanding subdivision (d) of this section, a Licensed Sign Hanger may not file applications for permits to install any of the following:

(1) Any rooftop mounted sign;

(2) Any sign projecting more than 18" across a street line;

(3) Any marquee;

(4) Any digital sign; or

(5) Any related structural elements other than those referenced in subdivision (d) of this section.

A registered design professional must file the applications listed in subdivision (e).