

**Wall Sign Attachment
Effective April 5, 2004**

Sign Code: Section 4609 Structural Requirements: All signs and sign structures shall be designed and constructed to resist wind forces as specified in this section and Chapter 16 of the City of Houston Building Code--General Provisions. All bracing systems shall be designed and constructed to transfer lateral forces to the foundations. For signs on buildings, the dead and lateral loads shall be transmitted through the structural frame of the building to the ground in such manner as not to overstress any of the elements of the building.

This requirement standardizes the Sign Administration Plan Review process to that of Commercial Plan Review.

Effective September 20, 2004 all Wall Signs of flexible substrate larger than 200 square feet must be engineered. Wall Signs attached by unusual method (e.g., sign on assembly that straddles parapet wall and/or is ballasted on roof, sign breaks vertical plane of wall, etc.) must be engineered.

A refurb or reface of an existing wall sign will not need engineering if it can be shown that it was previously permitted.