

Informational Letter #0011-2006

Wall sign attachments 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 checking process to that of Commercial plan checking.

Effective November 1, 2006 all new wall signs with an aggregate area of 100 square feet and larger must be engineered. Wall signs attached to parapet wall must be engineered. Wall signs attached to wall surfaces finished with EIFS or Stucco or corrugated metal or any similar construction must be engineered.

A re-furb or re-face of an existing wall sign will not need engineering if it can be shown that it was previously permitted.

Any attachment that has a secondary purpose, protrudes more than 18 inches and is located within the building setback lines must first obtain approval from the Planning and Development Platting Group prior to obtaining a sign permit.