



## Construction Fence + Sidewalk Shed Parapet Signage Requirements

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The construction site signage requirements will improve the overall appearance of job sites by standardizing the look of temporary protective structures and providing important information to the community in a consolidated uniform sign. Project Information Panel and Sidewalk Shed Parapet Panel requirements are outlined below.

These requirements are in effect for any construction fence or sidewalk shed permit issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2013.

Excepted from this rule are construction site fences and sidewalk sheds at one-, two-, or three-family dwellings.

### SECTION 1: PROJECT INFORMATION PANEL REQUIREMENTS

Construction fences must have project information panels that meet style guide content, color, font, material, and size requirements. Project information panels must be legible, securely attached, and free of sharp edges, protruding nails, or similar hazards at all times. These panels must also be posted in accordance with the location requirements. (See Section 5 below.)

#### Project Information Panel Content:

The project information panels must include the following content:

- A rendering, elevation drawing, or zoning diagram of the building exterior that does not contain logos or commercially recognizable symbols;  
*Demolition sites are exempt from including a rendering, elevation drawing, or zoning diagram of the building exterior. (See Figure 3.)*
- A title line stating "Work in Progress:" and specifying the type of occupancy (e.g., Residential, Commercial and/or Manufacturing);
- Anticipated project completion date;
- The corporate name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the property;
- Website address or phone number to contact for project information;
- The corporate name and telephone number of the general contractor, or for a demolition site, the demolition contractor;
- The statement, in both English and Spanish, "TO ANONYMOUSLY REPORT UNSAFE CONDITIONS AT THIS WORK SITE, CALL 311."; and
- A copy of the primary project permit, with accompanying text "To see other permits issued on this property, visit: [www.nyc.gov/buildings](http://www.nyc.gov/buildings)."

If the content above changes over the course of the project (e.g., new corporate address or telephone number), the project information panel must be updated to reflect that change.

#### Color Requirements:

The project information panel content must be written in white, on a blue background. Color specifications for the blue background to the left and above of the building image are as follows:

- Pantone: 296
- RGB: 15, 43, 84
- CMYK: 100, 88, 38, 35



### **Font Requirements:**

The project information panel content must be written in the Calibri font or similar sans serif font style, with letters a minimum of 1 inch high, as measured by the upper case character.

### **Material Requirements:**

The project information panels must be constructed out of:

- Durable and weatherproof material such as vinyl, plastic, or aluminum; and
- Flame retardant material in accordance with NFPA 701 or listed under UL 214.

The permit must be:

- Laminated or encased in a plastic covering; or
- Printed directly onto the project information panel.

### **Size Requirements:**

The project information panel size must meet the following requirements:

- For construction sites with a street frontage of 60 feet or more, the dimensions of the panel must be 6 feet wide and 4 feet high. (See Figure 1.)
- For construction sites with a street frontage less than 60 feet, the dimensions of the panel must be 55 inches wide and 36.5 inches high. (See Figure 2.)
- For demolition sites, the dimensions of the panel must be 2 feet 4 inches wide and 4 feet high. (See Figure 3.)

## **SECTION 2: CONSTRUCTION FENCES**

When required by the Building code, construction fences must meet the following requirements:

- Built at least 8 feet high
- Constructed of wood or other suitable material
- Built solid for their entire length, except for openings with solid sliding or in swinging gates as are required for the proper execution of the work, and for viewing panels, which shall be blocked with plexiglass or equivalent nonfrangible material
- Constructed along the inside edge of the sidewalk, walkway or temporary walkway. If permission to close the sidewalk has been obtained from the Department of Transportation, such fence may be erected along the curb or outside of the curb to such extent as approved by the Department of Transportation. The fence shall be returned at its ends to the extent necessary to effectively close off the site.

Fences erected on or after July 1, 2013, must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Painted hunter green
- Include viewing panels, at a rate of one for every 25 linear feet per frontage, with a minimum of one per frontage. Viewing panels must be 12 x 12 inches in size and must be blocked with plexiglass or an



equivalent non-frangible material. The top of the viewing panel must be located no more than 6 feet above the level of the ground, and the bottom of the viewing panel must be located no less than 3 feet above the level of the ground

### SECTION 3: SIDEWALK SHED PARAPET PANEL

Construction sites with sidewalk shed parapet panels must meet style guide content, color, font, material, and size requirements. Sidewalk shed parapet panels must be legible, securely attached, and free of sharp edges, protruding nails, or similar hazards at all times. These panels must also be posted in accordance with the location requirements. (See Section 5.)

#### **Sidewalk Shed Parapet Panel Content:**

The sidewalk shed parapet panels must include in the following content:

- The street address of the site;
- Name (which may incorporate a logo) of the contractor responsible for the site or where there is no contractor, the name (which may incorporate a logo) of the owner of the site; and
- The statement “For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/buildings](http://www.nyc.gov/buildings).”

If the content above changes over the course of the project (e.g., new owner), the sidewalk shed parapet panel must be updated to reflect that change.

#### **Color Requirements:**

The sidewalk shed parapet panel content must be written in blue, on a white background. Color specifications for the blue letters are as follows:

- Pantone: 296
- RGB: 15, 43, 84
- CMYK: 100, 88, 38, 35

#### **Font Requirements:**

The sidewalk shed parapet panel content must be written in the Calibri font or similar sans serif font style.

#### **Material Requirements:**

The sidewalk shed parapet panels must be constructed out of:

- Durable and weatherproof material such as vinyl, plastic, or aluminum; and
- Flame retardant material in accordance with NFPA 701 or listed under UL 214.

#### **Size Requirements:**

The sidewalk shed parapet panels must be 3 feet high and 6 feet wide. (See Figure 4.)

## SECTION 4: SIDEWALK SHEDS

When required by the Building code, sidewalk sheds must meet the following requirements:

1. Constructed out of wood, steel, or other materials having equivalent strength and suitability
2. The members of the sidewalk shed shall be adequately braced and connected to prevent displacement or distortion of the framework. Where posts supporting the shed deck are placed beyond the curb, such posts shall be protected against displacement by vehicles as directed by the Department of Transportation. Such placement shall require a permit from the Department of Transportation.
3. The upright members of the sidewalk shed shall be plumb. The tolerance is L/100. "L" is measured as the distance from the ground to the first x-brace or bottom of the beam.
4. The deck of the sidewalk shed shall consist of planking laid closely and made tight.
5. Unless the top deck of the sidewalk shed is built solidly against the face of the structure in such a manner that no material can fall onto the sidewalk, the side of the shed toward the structure shall be solidly sealed with wood or other suitable material for the full height of the shed. Solid sliding or in swinging gates may be provided as necessary for the proper prosecution of the work.
6. The outer side and ends of the deck of the shed shall be provided with a substantial enclosure at least 3 feet 6 inches high. Such enclosure may be vertical or inclined outward at approximately 45 degrees, and shall consist of boards laid close together and secured to braced uprights, of galvanized wire screen not less than no. 16 steel wire gage with a 1/2 inch (13 mm) mesh, of corrugated metal, or of solid plywood. Temporary removal of portions of the enclosure shall be permitted for handling material.
7. All sidewalk sheds shall provide protection for the full width of the shed extending upward at an angle of 45 degrees from the ends of the deck and outward a horizontal distance of at least 5 feet beyond the ends of the shed. Such sloping end protection shall be constructed to meet the requirements of numbered items two and three with substantial outriggers bearing on and securely attached to the deck.
8. The passageway under the shed shall have a minimum clear ceiling height of 8 feet.

Sidewalk sheds erected on or after July 1, 2013, must also meet the following additional requirement:

- Painted hunter green

## SECTION 5: POSTING MATERIALS AND OTHER SIGNS

### Project Information Panel Posting

A project information panel must be posted on the fence on each perimeter fronting a public thoroughfare. Where the perimeter is more than 150 feet in length, a project information panel must be posted at each corner. The panels must be posted on the fence at a height of 4 feet above the ground, measured from the ground to the bottom edge of the panel.

### Sidewalk Shed Parapet Panel Posting

Sidewalk shed parapet panels must be posted on the parapet that runs along the long axis of the sidewalk shed. The sign:

- Cannot be posted above or below the level of the parapet; and

- Must be posted at least 3 feet and no more than 6 feet from the left edge of the sidewalk shed parapet, as viewed from the perspective of an individual on the sidewalk opposite the long axis of the sidewalk shed and facing the sidewalk shed; or
- Where a project information panel is also required, the horizontal center of the sidewalk shed parapet panel must be in line with a vertical plane drawn through the horizontal center of the project information. (See Figure 5).

## Other Signs

Other than the project information panel and sidewalk shed parapet panel described above, there shall be no sign, information, pictorial representation, or any business or advertising messages posted on a sidewalk shed, bridge, fence, or other protective structure that is erected at the construction or demolition site and visible to the public, unless required otherwise required by Law (e.g., required sprinkler and standpipe system signage).

Signs required by law to be displayed at a construction or demolition site shall be posted within the site, readily visible to workers, such as no smoking signage and OSHA signage for workers.

## SECTION 6: STYLE GUIDE

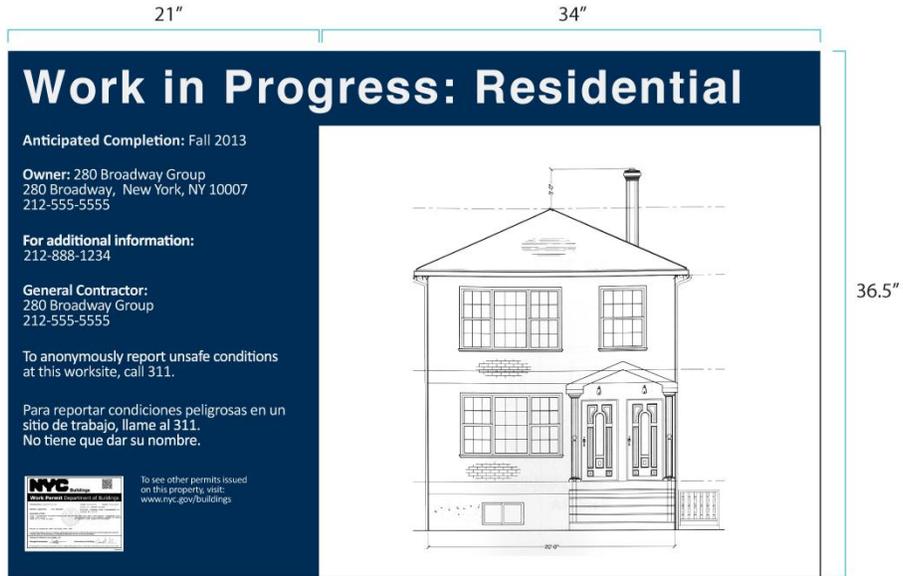
For construction sites with a street frontage of more than 60 feet, the design of the project information panel must be created in accordance with the following layout:

**Figure 1: Project Information Panel Layout**



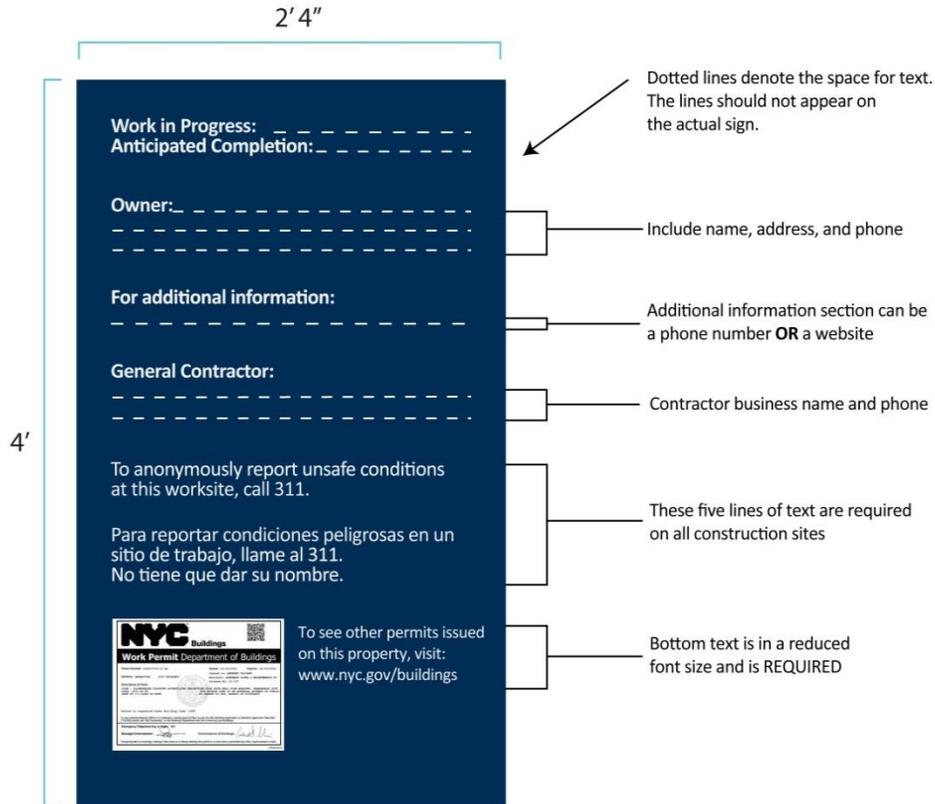
For construction sites with a street frontage of less than 60 feet, the design of the project information panel must be created in accordance with in the following layout:

**Figure 2: Project Information Panel Layout for Small Lots**



For demolition sites, the design of the project information panel must be created in accordance with in the following layout:

**Figure 3: Project Information Panel Layout for Demolition Sites**



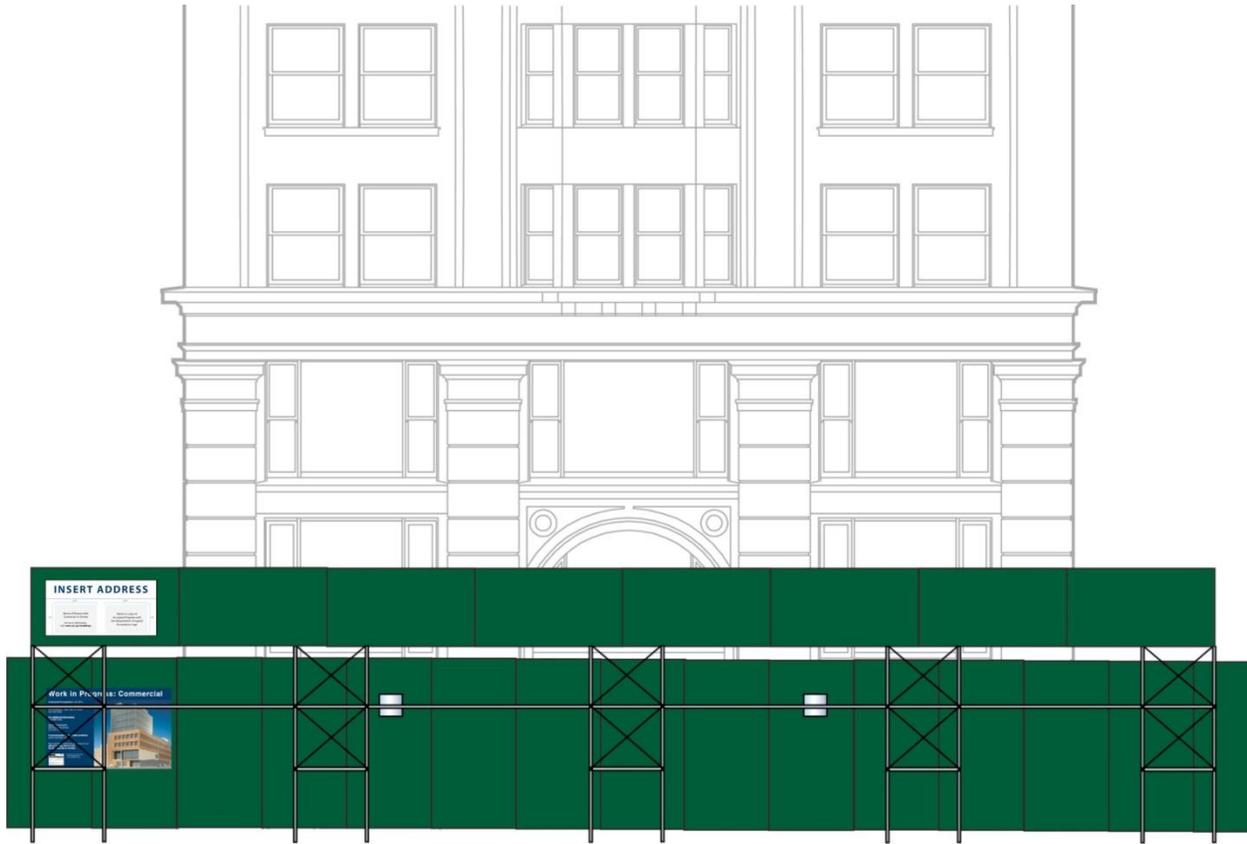
For construction sites with sidewalk sheds, the design of the sidewalk shed parapet panel must be created in accordance with in the following layout:

**Figure 4: Sidewalk Shed Parapet Panel Layout**



For construction sites with sidewalk sheds and construction fences, the project information panel and sidewalk shed parapet panel must be posted in accordance with in the following layout:

**Figure 5: Project Information Panel and Sidewalk Shed Parapet Panel Posting**



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