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**RETROACTIVE PROVISIONS OF RECENTLY ENACTED LOCAL LAW 26/04  
REGARDING POWER SOURCE TO EXIT SIGNS FOR BUILDINGS  
CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW 16/84**

Applicability: Office Buildings  
Educational Buildings  
Hotel Buildings  
High-rise  $\geq 75$  ft Mercantile  
High-rise  $\geq 75$  ft Industrial  
High-rise  $\geq 75$  ft Institutional

Local Law 26/04 amends section 27-384 (Power Source) of the Building Code of the City of New York effective **October 22, 2004**. For the applicable buildings (see above), all illuminated exit signs must be provided with an emergency power source or storage battery equipment meeting the requirements of the commissioner, whether or not these exit signs are on circuits that are separate from the general lighting and power circuits taken off ahead of the main switch.

If your building is already in compliance, i.e., if exit signs are connected to an emergency power source or to storage battery equipment, the owner should submit an affidavit to the Department by **January 20, 2005** certifying that your building is in full compliance. Failure to submit this certification by **January 20, 2005** will place you in the below-described category, requiring a certified report by a registered architect or engineer.

If you cannot certify that the signs are properly connected by January 20, 2005, you must then make the proper connections and file a report with the Department of Buildings indicating that all required exit and/or directional signs are properly connected. A registered architect or engineer must certify completion of the work not later than **July 1, 2007**.

For copies of the affidavit to be submitted by January 20, 2005 as well as further information regarding other requirements of Local Law 26/04, please refer to the Department of Buildings' website, [www.nyc.gov/buildings](http://www.nyc.gov/buildings).