

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

No. 50

Introduced by Council Members Bottcher, Sanchez, Powers, Hanif, Brewer, Restler, Hudson, Marte, Rivera, Ayala, Joseph, Banks, Hanks, Louis and Mealy (by request of the Manhattan Borough President).

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the New York city building code, in relation to the required lighting under sidewalk sheds

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 3307.6.4.8 of the New York city building code, as amended by a local law for the year 2025 amending the New York city building code, relating to studying sidewalk shed designs and improving the aesthetics of existing sidewalk sheds, as proposed in introduction number 391-A, is amended to read as follows:

3307.6.4.8 Lighting. Sidewalk shed lighting shall be in conformance with the following:

1. The underside of sidewalk sheds shall be illuminated at all times either by daylight or electric light. The level of illumination shall be uniformly distributed along the entire length of the shed with a minimum of 1.5 footcandle (17 lux) measured at the level of the walking surface, or 5 footcandle (55 lux) measured at the level of the walking surface when the walking surface is within 10 feet (3048 mm) of a subway entrance, bus shelter, or similar transit facility, with a minimum luminous efficacy of [45] 90 lumens per watt or greater and be rated to operate at temperatures of 5°F (-15°C) and higher.
2. All lamps shall be enclosed in water-resistant and vandal-resistant fixtures, and all lamps, wiring, and accessory components shall conform to the requirements of the *New York City Electrical Code*.
3. Photosensors may be used to control electric lighting according to the amount of daylight available. All photosensors shall be equipped for fail-safe operation ensuring that if the sensor or control fails, the lamps will provide the lighting levels required by this section.

4. LED lighting shall be used to satisfy the requirements of this section.

5. Where a lighting fixture serving a sidewalk shed is within a 20-foot (6096 mm) radius of the fenestration of a dwelling unit, such lighting fixture shall be equipped with directional adjustment or shielding to eliminate light trespass toward such dwelling unit.

§ 2. This local law takes effect on the same date that section two of a local law for the year 2025 amending the New York city building code, relating to studying sidewalk shed designs and improving the aesthetics of existing sidewalk sheds, as proposed in introduction number 391-A, takes effect.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on March 26, 2025 and approved by the Mayor on April 17, 2025.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 50 of 2025, Council Int. No. 660-A of 2024) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council and approved by the Mayor.

SPENCER FISHER, Acting Corporation Counsel.