

4. The combined sign area of pole signs, projecting signs, monument signs, illuminated architectural canopy signs, wall signs, roof signs and window signs shall not exceed four square feet for each foot of street frontage.

**C. Height.** Height shall be measured from the nearest sidewalk or edge of roadway grade to the top of the sign. The overall height limitation shall be determined by street frontage as follows:

1. 25 feet for lots having 50 feet of street frontage;
2. 35 feet for lots having more than 50 feet and less than 100 feet of street frontage; and
3. 42 feet for lots having at least 100 feet of street frontage.

Any pole sign that is located at the street corner of a corner lot may use the greater street frontage for determining height limitations. In no event shall a sign exceed the height specified for the height district in which the sign is located.

**D. Location.**

1. Pole signs shall be located at least ten feet from interior lot lines; however, on corner lots and flag lots, pole signs may be located five feet from interior lot lines.
2. A pole sign shall be located at least 15 feet from any other pole sign, projecting sign or monument sign.
3. Pole signs shall be located so as not to interfere or present a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
4. Where the lower part of a pole sign is less than eight feet above sidewalk grade or the edge of roadway grade nearest the sign, the sign shall extend to grade or shall be installed in a planter that extends beyond the edges of the sign and sign support structure and that is a minimum of 18 inches in height.

**E. Projections.** A pole sign may project over a building line, but shall not extend beyond the limits shown in Diagram A of this article. Sign projections shall fall within an area that is perpendicular to the building line and has a width of three feet as measured parallel to the building line.

**F. Other Requirements.** A maximum of two poles shall be permitted for any pole sign. The maximum cross-sectional dimension of a pole shall not exceed ten percent of the overall height of the sign.

**SEC. 14.4.13. ROOF SIGNS.**

**A. Permitted.** Roof signs shall be permitted only when placed directly upon a roof that slopes downward toward and extends to or over the top of an exterior wall.

**B. Area.**

1. Sign area shall not exceed two square feet for each foot of street frontage, plus one square foot for each foot of building frontage.

2. The maximum area of any one roof sign shall not exceed 300 square feet.

3. The combined area of roof signs, illuminated architectural canopy signs and wall signs facing the same direction shall not exceed two square feet for each foot of street frontage, plus one square foot for each foot of building frontage.

4. The combined sign area of wall signs, projecting signs, monument signs, illuminated architectural canopy signs, pole signs, roof signs and window signs shall not exceed four square feet for each foot of street frontage.

**C. Height.** The top of the roof sign shall be located at least two feet below the ridge of the roof.

**D. Location.**

1. Roof signs shall be located at least ten feet from interior lot lines.

2. Roof signs shall be located at least two feet from the edge of the roof.

3. The plane of the sign face of a roof sign shall be approximately parallel to the face of the building.

**SEC. 14.4.14. WINDOW SIGNS.**

**A. Area.** The total area of all window signs shall not exceed ten percent of the area of the window.

B. **Combined Area.** The combined sign area of wall signs, projecting signs, monument signs, illuminated architectural canopy signs, pole signs, roof signs and window signs shall not exceed four square feet for each foot of street frontage.

**SEC. 14.4.15. MARQUEE SIGNS.**

A. **General Requirements.** Marquee signs shall comply with the requirements set forth in Section 3102 of the CBC and the following provisions of this Code: Sections 14.4.3 A.; 14.4.4 A.; 14.4.5; 14.4.6; 91.6205; and 91.6207.

B. **Location.** Signs shall not be attached to any portion of the marquee except on the periphery. Wall signs on the periphery shall not extend above or below the periphery. Cloth or banner signs or drop-roll curtains may be suspended below the exterior periphery and extend within seven feet of the grade.

**SEC. 14.4.16. TEMPORARY SIGNS.**

A. **Permit Required.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a building permit shall be required for a temporary sign, pennant, banner, ribbon, streamer or spinner, other than one that contains a political, ideological or other noncommercial message. The permit application shall specify the dates being requested for authorized installation and the proposed location.

B. **Area.**

1. The combined sign area of temporary signs shall not exceed two square feet for each foot of street frontage.

2. The combined sign area of temporary signs, when placed upon a window and any other window signs shall not exceed a maximum of ten percent of the window area.

C. **Time Limit.**

1. Temporary signs that require a permit shall be removed within 30 days of installation and shall not be reinstalled for a period of 30 days of the date of removal of the previous sign. The installation of temporary signs shall not exceed a total of 90 days in any calendar year.

2. Temporary signs that do not require a permit shall be removed within 30 days of the date of installation of the sign.

D. **Location.** Temporary signs, including those that do not require a building permit, may be tacked, pasted or otherwise temporarily affixed to windows and/or on the walls of buildings, barns, sheds or fences.

E. **Construction.** Temporary signs may contain or consist of posters, pennants, ribbons, streamers or spinners. Temporary signs may be made of paper or any other material. If the temporary sign is made of cloth, it shall be flameproofed when the aggregate area exceeds 100 square feet. Every temporary cloth sign shall be supported and attached with stranded cable of 1/16-inch minimum diameter or by other methods as approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

**SEC. 14.4.17. TEMPORARY SIGNS ON TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION WALLS.**

A. **Permit Required.** A building permit shall be required for a temporary sign on a temporary construction wall. Temporary signs on temporary construction walls shall comply with the construction requirements of Section 14.4.16 E.

For purposes of this section, the term "applicant" shall mean the owner of the sign company or, if there is no sign company, the owner of the property.

B. **Area.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 14.4.16 B.1. and 2. of this Code, signs placed on temporary construction walls, and/or solid wood fences surrounding vacant lots pursuant to the terms of this section shall not extend above the top of the wall or fence and shall comply with the following:

1. The combined sign area of temporary signs shall not exceed eight square feet for each foot of street frontage.

2. Individual signs shall not exceed a sign area of 250 square feet.

3. Signs may be grouped to form a maximum sign area of 250 square feet.

4. Signs or groups of signs having an area of 250 square feet shall be separated from any other sign on the temporary construction walls and/or solid wood fences surrounding vacant lots by at least ten feet measured horizontally.

feet may have a projecting sign for each 200 feet or fraction of that area of street frontage, if the street frontage does not contain an existing projecting sign or a pole sign.

### SEC. 14.4.10. WALL SIGNS.

#### A. Area.

##### B. Area.

1. The sign area of projecting signs visible to the same direction of traffic shall not exceed 25 square feet plus 1.5 square feet for each foot of street frontage up to a maximum sign area of 300 square feet. Any projecting sign located at the street corner of a corner lot may use the greater street frontage in computing area limitations.

2. The combined sign area of projecting signs, wall signs, monument signs, illuminated architectural canopy signs, pole signs, roof signs and window signs shall not exceed four square feet for each foot of street frontage.

C. **Height.** A projecting sign shall not be located lower than eight feet above sidewalk grade or edge of roadway grade nearest the sign and shall not extend above the top of the wall.

##### D. Location.

1. A projecting sign shall be located at least 7.5 feet from any interior lot line.

2. A projecting sign shall be located at least 15 feet from any other projecting sign, monument sign or pole sign.

3. The plane of the sign face of a projecting sign shall be within 15 degrees of being perpendicular to the face of the building, except at the corner of the building.

E. **Projections.** A projecting sign may project over the building line, but shall not extend beyond the limits shown in Diagram A of this article. Sign projections shall fall within an area that is perpendicular to the building line and has a width of three feet as measured parallel with the building line. In no event, may a projecting sign project more than eight feet from the face of a building.

**EXCEPTION:** For projecting signs located above a 16-foot height and on a lot having a street frontage greater than 50 feet, projections over the building line may vary linearly from five feet at 50 feet to eight feet at 100 feet of street frontage.

1. The total sign area of wall signs facing a street shall not exceed two square feet for each foot of street frontage, plus one square foot for each foot of building frontage for a single-story building.

2. For buildings more than one story in height, the combined wall sign area shall not exceed that permitted for a single story by more than ten percent for each additional story. In no event, shall the combined wall sign area exceed by 50 percent that area permitted for a single-story building.

3. For wall signs that are made up of individual letters that use the wall of the building as background, the allowable sign area may be increased by 20 percent, provided there is no change in color between the background and the surrounding wall area.

4. The combined sign area of illuminated architectural canopy signs, roof signs and wall signs facing the same direction shall not exceed two square feet for each foot of street frontage, plus one square foot for each foot of building frontage.

5. The combined sign area of wall signs, projecting signs, monument signs, illuminated architectural canopy signs, pole signs, roof signs and window signs shall not exceed four square feet for each foot of street frontage.

B. **Height.** A wall sign shall not extend above the top of the wall of the building.

**EXCEPTION:** Where there is less than three feet between the top of the wall and the top of a window, the wall sign may extend above the top of the wall by a maximum of three feet.

##### C. Location.

1. No wall sign shall be located on a wall that faces and is within five feet of an interior lot line.

2. Wall signs installed on a wall that faces the rear lot line and that is located within 30 feet of property that is zoned R-3 or more restrictive shall not be illuminated.

**D. Projection.**

1. No wall sign shall have a projection over any public street, other public property or building line greater than that permitted in Diagram A of this article.

2. No wall sign shall project more than 24 inches from the face of the building. If any message is placed on the edge of a wall sign, then that portion of the wall sign shall be regulated as a projecting sign.

**E. High Rise Signs.** Any wall signs located over 100 feet above grade shall be used as identification signs only. Identification signs shall comprise no more than 80 percent of the width of that portion of the building where the signs are attached. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A. above, the area of these signs may constitute up to five percent of the area of the wall where the signs are attached and may be in addition to the area permitted in Subsection A. above.

**F. Parking Lots.** Where a parking lot exists between a wall sign and the street, and there is a wall between the parking lot and the street, a portion of the total sign area permitted by this section may be used on the wall located between the parking lot and the street so long as the sign does not project beyond the lot line. The sign shall be restricted to that portion of the wall between two feet six inches and three feet six inches in height above the finished grade at the base of the wall generally facing the street.

4. The combined sign area of illuminated architectural canopy signs, projecting signs, monument signs, wall signs, pole signs, roof signs and window signs shall not exceed four square feet for each foot of street frontage.

**B. Height.** An illuminated architectural canopy sign shall not extend above the top of the wall of a building.

**C. Clearance.** Illuminated architectural canopy signs shall have a minimum clearance of eight feet above the sidewalk grade or edge of roadway grade nearest the sign and shall not be located closer than two feet from the curb of any roadway.

**D. Emergency Personnel Access.** Illuminated architectural canopy signs shall not occupy a four-foot distance along the exterior wall at one corner of the building's street frontage and an additional four-foot distance along every 50 feet of the building frontage.

**E. Illumination.** The sign shall be internally illuminated so as to illuminate the canopy and the exterior wall below. The illuminated architectural canopy sign shall bear the electric sign label of an approved testing agency with a re-inspection service.

**F. Projections.** Illuminated architectural canopy signs may project over a building line. However, in no event may an illuminated architectural canopy sign project more than three feet from the face of the building.

**SEC. 14.4.11. ILLUMINATED ARCHITECTURAL CANOPY SIGNS.**

**A. Area.**

1. The area of illuminated architectural canopy signs shall not exceed two square feet for each foot of street frontage, plus one square foot for each foot of building frontage.

2. In applying sign area limits, only the area occupied by the message of the illuminated architectural canopy signs will be used.

3. The combined sign area of illuminated architectural canopy signs, roof signs and wall signs facing the same direction shall not exceed two square feet for each foot of street frontage, plus one square foot for each foot of building frontage.

**SEC. 14.4.12. POLE SIGNS.**

**A. Permitted.** Pole signs shall not be permitted on that portion of a lot having less than 50 feet of street frontage. Lots having a street frontage of at least 50 feet may have a pole sign for each 200 feet or fraction of that area of street frontage, if the street frontage does not contain an existing pole sign or projecting sign.

**B. Area.**

1. Sign area visible to the same direction of traffic shall not exceed two square feet for each foot of street frontage, plus one square foot for each foot of building frontage.

2. The maximum area of any one pole sign shall not exceed 400 square feet.

3. Any pole sign that is located at the street corner of a corner lot may use the greater street frontage for area limitations.

# CHAPTER 62

## SIGNS

### SECTION 6201 GENERAL PROVISIONS

**6201.1 General.** A sign shall not be erected in a manner that would confuse or obstruct the view of or interfere with exit signs required by Chapter 10 or with official traffic signs, signals or devices. Signs and sign support structures, together with their supports, braces, guys and anchors, shall be kept in repair and in proper state of preservation. The display surfaces of signs shall be kept neatly painted or posted at all times.

#### 6201.2 Sign permits.

1. A building permit shall be obtained from the department in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of this code for any sign (including a temporary sign) and/or sign alteration, other than changes or replacement of copy, that are regulated by this chapter or by Chapter I of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*. Where signs are illuminated by electric lighting, an electrical permit shall also be obtained as required by the *Electrical Code*.

**Exception:** The following signs are exempt from the requirements to obtain a permit before erection:

- a. Signs not exceeding 20 square feet in area, placed upon the surface of the ground, no part of which extends more than 6 feet 6 inches (1981 mm) above the underlying ground, which have no mechanical or moving parts or to which no electricity or other source of illumination or power are attached to or made a part of the sign. Signs that fit within this category shall be separated from each other a minimum distance of 15 feet.
  - b. Boards and signs used exclusively to display official notices issued by any court or public officer in the performance of a public duty or by a private person in giving legal notice.
  - c. Temporary signs containing political, ideological or other noncommercial messages.
2. Prior to the issuance of a building permit(s) for temporary signs on temporary construction walls, and/or solid wood fences surrounding vacant lots pursuant to LAMC Section 14.4.17, the applicant shall post with the Department of Building and Safety a bond in the amount of \$10,000.00, guaranteeing compliance with all conditions of the permit and the provisions of this ordinance. The applicant may post a surety bond, cash bond or negotiable United States Treasury Certificates of the kind approved by law for securing deposits of public money in accordance with the provisions of Section 8305, et seq., of this code. Only one bond shall be required of each applicant regardless of the number of locations for which the applicant has requested a building permit for a temporary sign on temporary construction fences or fences surrounding vacant lots.

For purposes of this subsection, the term "applicant" shall mean the owner of the sign company or, if there is no sign company, the owner of the property.

3. The department may revoke any sign permit as provided in Section 98.0601(a) of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*.

#### 6201.3 Sign permit priority status.

1. To maintain location, area, frontage, or spacing status, signs must be installed within 6 months of issuance of a building permit or prior to expiration of any permit extension granted by the department.
2. Where more than one permit has been issued and the effect of those permits when considered together results in a violation of this chapter, all permits except the permit with the earlier date and time of issuance shall be invalid.

**6201.4 Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, construct, install, enlarge, alter, repair, move, remove, convert, demolish, use or maintain any sign or sign support structure or cause or permit those actions to be done, in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

Any person who violates or causes or, permits another person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**6201.5 Penalties.** Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under the provisions of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than 6 months, or by both fine and imprisonment. Each violation of the provisions of this chapter and each day during which a violation is committed or continues is a separate offense.

Any person convicted of violating any provision of this chapter may be required to pay restitution to the City of Los Angeles for all costs expended to investigate and/or enforce the provisions of this chapter.

#### 6201.6 Modifications.

**6201.6.1 Authority.** In addition to its authority to grant slight modifications pursuant to Section 98.0403.1 of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*, the board shall have the authority to grant significant modifications from these sign regulations.

**6201.6.2 Basis.** Before granting a significant modification, the board must find that (1) a special, individual reason makes the strict letter of the ordinance impractical and (2) the requested modification is in conformity with the spirit and purposes of the objectives set forth in Section 6201.6.6 of this code.

#### 6201.6.3 Procedure.

**6201.6.3.1** Requests for modifications in individual cases shall be made in accordance with the procedure





**6204.2 Notification to sign purchasers.** Any person who sells an identification sign, monument sign, pole sign, projecting sign or wall sign, as those terms are defined in Chapter I of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*, for installation in the City of Los Angeles, shall provide written notice of the provisions of this chapter to the purchaser. The Superintendent of Building shall promulgate regulations setting forth the content for this notification.

**SECTION 6205  
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

**6205.1 General requirements.** Signs shall be designed and constructed to comply with the provisions of this code for use of materials, loads and stresses. Glass panels used in signs shall comply with the size, thickness and type of glass as shown in Table 4-A of this chapter. The use, location, size, area and height of the sign shall comply with the provisions of this code and Chapter I of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*, whichever is more restrictive.

**6205.2 Permits, drawings and specifications.** Where a permit is required, as provided in Chapter 1 of this code, construction documents shall be required. These documents shall show the dimensions, material and required details of construction, including loads, stresses and anchors.

**6205.3 Wind load.** Signs shall be designed and constructed to withstand wind pressure as provided for in Chapter 16.

**6205.4 Seismic load.** Signs designed to withstand wind pressures shall be considered capable of withstanding earthquake loads, except as provided for in Chapter 16.

**6205.5 Working stresses.** In outdoor advertising display signs, the allowable working stresses shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 16. The working stresses of wire rope and its fastenings shall not exceed 25 percent of the ultimate strength of the rope or fasteners.

**Exceptions:**

1. The allowable working stresses for steel and wood shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 22 and 23.
2. The working strength of chains, cables, guys or steel rods shall not exceed one-fifth of the ultimate strength of such chains, cables, guys or steel.

**6205.6 Attachment.** Signs attached to masonry, concrete or steel shall be safely and securely fastened by means of metal anchors, bolts or approved expansion screws of sufficient size and anchorage to safely support the loads applied.

**6205.18 Off-site sign periodic inspection program.**

**6205.18.1. General.** All off-site sign structures as defined in Section 14.4.2 of the LAMC and subject to the provisions of Chapter I of the LAMC, are subject to regular inspection. Inspection shall occur once in the initial three year period starting on February 1, 2009 and subsequent inspections shall be conducted in three year intervals by the Superintendent or an authorized representative. Inspections may also be complaint-based.

**6205.18.2. Fees for inspection.** This fee shall be known as the "Off-Site Sign Periodic Inspection Fee". The person in control of an off-site sign structure subject to inspection shall pay a regulatory fee of \$186.00 to the department and provide a copy of a valid permit issued by the City of Los Angeles for each off-site sign structure or, a copy of a valid permit issued by the appropriate jurisdiction if the lot was annexed to the City of Los Angeles. The person in control of an off-site sign structure shall pay a regulatory fee of \$342.00 if valid permits are not provided.

The regulatory fee shall be due on February 1 every three years starting on February 1, 2009. If the fees are not paid on or before the last day of the month in which they are due, a monthly penalty equal to five percent of any outstanding fees, but not less than \$10.00, shall be added to those fees each month until the outstanding fees are paid. Should the person in control fail to pay the required fee, the City of Los Angeles will recover it, plus accrued penalties, utilizing any remedies provided by law.

The department shall cause all money collected pursuant to this section to be deposited into the Off-Site Sign Periodic Inspection Fee Trust Fund described in Section 5.111.17 of the *Los Angeles Administrative Code* for purposes of disbursement as that section permits. The Department of Building and Safety shall report to the City Council on the actual costs of the regulatory program at the end of each three year cycle no later than June 30 of the third year.

The regulatory fee shall be used to finance the costs of administering the inspection program, including but not limited to, inspection, issuance of inspection certificates and maintenance of an off-site sign structure database. Payment of the fee shall not create a presumption that the sign is lawfully erected, as that term is defined in Section 6205.18.7

**6205.18.3. Inspection certificate.** The department shall issue a certificate of compliance when appropriate fees have been paid, inspections have been conducted and the off-site sign structure has been determined to be in compliance the terms of the permit described in Section 6205.18.2 and with all applicable regulations at the time the permit was issued. A new certificate of compliance shall be issued every three years for each off-site sign structure following each subsequent inspection conducted pursuant to this program provided the off-site sign structure remains in compliance.

The certificates shall be attached to the exterior surface of the off-site sign structure in a location that will be visible from ground level.

**6205.18.4. Frequency of inspection.** Each off-site sign structure shall be inspected once every three years.

**6205.18.5. Off-site sign inventory.** The department shall maintain a database containing the following information on all off-site sign structures subject to inspection pursuant to Section 6205.18. The database shall contain: building permit-number, size of sign as shown on the building permit, issuance date, any subsequent building permits issued for that sign, and any information required pursuant to this chapter or obtained pursuant to inspection.

**6205.18.6. Orders.** If, upon inspection, the Superintendent or an authorized representative observes one or more violations of the LAMC, the Superintendent shall issue an Order to Comply. The person in control of the sign shall eliminate all violations by the compliance date stated on the Order to Comply.

**6205.18.7. Violations.** If the department determines that an off-site sign structure was not lawfully erected, then the off-site sign structure shall have its sign face removed and replaced with blank panels until the off-site sign structure is made to comply with the applicable provisions of the LAMC. The term "lawfully erected" means an off-site sign structure that was erected in compliance with the provisions of the LAMC in effect at the time of its erection or which was subsequently brought into full compliance with the provisions of the LAMC, except that the term does not apply to any off-site sign structure whose use was modified after erection in a manner that caused it to become illegal

**SECTION 6206  
ELECTRICAL**

**6206.1 Illumination.** A sign shall not be illuminated by other than electrical means, and electrical devices and wiring shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the *California Electrical Code*. Any open spark or flame shall not be used for display purposes unless specifically approved.

**6206.1.1 Internally illuminated signs.** Except as provided for in Sections 402.14 and 2611, where internally illuminated signs have facings of wood or approved plastic, the area of such facing section shall not be more than 120 square feet (11.16 m<sup>2</sup>) and the wiring for electric lighting shall be entirely enclosed in the sign cabinet with a clearance of not less than 2 inches (51 mm) from the facing material. The dimensional limitation of 120 square feet (11.16 m<sup>2</sup>) shall not apply to sign facing sections made from flame-resistant-coated fabric (ordinarily known as "flexible sign face plastic") that weighs less than 20 ounces per square yard (678 g/m<sup>2</sup>) and that, when tested in accordance with NFPA 701, meets the fire propagation performance requirements of both Test 1 and Test 2 or that when tested in accordance with an approved test method, exhibits an average burn time of 2 seconds or less and a burning extent of 5.9 inches (150 mm) or less for 10 specimens.

**6206.2 Electrical service.** Signs that require electrical service shall comply with the *California Electrical Code*.

**SECTION 6207  
COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS**

**6207.1 Use of combustibles.** Wood, approved plastic or plastic veneer panels as provided for in Chapter 26 of this code or other materials of combustible characteristics similar to wood that is used for moldings, cappings, nailing blocks, letters and latticing shall comply with Section 6209.1 of this code and shall not be used for other ornamental features of signs, unless approved.

**6207.1.1 Plastic materials.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, plastic materials which burn at a rate no

faster than 2.5 inches per minute (64 mm/s) when tested in accordance with ASTM D 635 shall be deemed approved plastics and can be used as the display surface material and for the letters, decorations and facings on signs and outdoor display structures.

**6207.1.2 Electric sign faces.** Individual plastic facings of electric signs shall not exceed 200 square feet (18.6 m<sup>2</sup>) in area.

**6207.1.3 Area limitation.** If the area of a display surface exceeds 200 square feet (18.6 m<sup>2</sup>), the area occupied or covered by approved plastics shall be limited to 200 square feet (18.6 m<sup>2</sup>) plus 50 percent of the difference between 200 square feet (18.6 m<sup>2</sup>) and the area of display surface. The area of plastic on a display surface shall not in any case exceed 1,100 square feet (102 m<sup>2</sup>).

**6207.1.4 Plastic appurtenances.** Letters and decorations mounted on an approved plastic facing or display surface can be made of approved plastics.

**SECTION 6208  
ANIMATED DEVICES**

**6208.1 Fail-safe device.** Signs that contain moving sections or ornaments shall have fail-safe provisions to prevent the section or ornament from releasing and falling or shifting its center of gravity more than 15 inches (381 mm). The fail-safe device shall be in addition to the mechanism and the mechanism's housing which operate the movable section or ornament. The fail-safe device shall be capable of supporting the full dead weight of the section or ornament when the moving mechanism releases.

**SECTION 6209  
GROUND SIGNS**

**6209.1 Height restrictions.** The structural frame of ground signs shall not be erected of combustible materials to a height of more than 35 feet (10668 mm) above the ground. Ground signs constructed entirely of noncombustible material shall not be erected to a height of greater than 100 feet (30 480 mm) above the ground. Greater heights are permitted where approved and located so as not to create a hazard or danger to the public.

**6209.2 Required clearance.** The bottom coping of every ground sign shall be not less than 3 feet (914 mm) above the ground or street level, which space can be filled with platform decorative trim or light wooden construction.

**6209.3 Wood anchors and supports.** Where wood anchors or supports are embedded in the soil, the wood shall be pressure treated with an approved preservative.

**SECTION 6210  
ROOF SIGNS**

**6210.1 General.** Roof signs shall be constructed entirely of metal or other approved noncombustible material except as provided for in Sections 6206.1.1 and 6207.1 of this code. Provisions shall be made for electric grounding of metallic parts. Where combustible materials are permitted in letters or other



ornamental features, wiring and tubing shall be kept free and insulated from each other. Roof signs shall be so constructed as to leave a clear space of not less than 6 feet (1829 mm) between the roof level and the lowest part of the sign and shall have at least 5 feet (1524 mm) clearance between the vertical supports. No portion of any roof sign structure shall project beyond an exterior wall.

**6210.2 Bearing plates.** The bearing plates of roof signs shall distribute the load directly to or upon masonry walls, steel roof girders, columns or beams. The building shall be designed to avoid overstress of these members.

**6210.3 Height of solid signs.** A roof sign having a solid surface shall not exceed, at any point, a height of 24 feet (7315 mm) measured from the roof surface.

**6210.4 Height of open signs.** Open roof signs in which the uniform open area is not less than 40 percent of total gross area shall not exceed a height of 75 feet (22 860 mm) on buildings of Type 1 or Type 2 construction. On buildings of other construction types, the height shall not exceed 40 feet (12 192 mm). Such signs shall be thoroughly secured to the building upon which they are installed, erected or constructed by iron, metal anchors, bolts, supports, chains, stranded cables, steel rods or braces and they shall be maintained in good condition.

**6210.5 Height of closed signs.** A closed roof sign shall not be erected to a height greater than 50 feet (15 240 mm) above the roof of buildings of Type 1 or Type 2 construction, nor more than 35 feet (10 668 mm) above the roof of buildings of Type 3, 4 or 5 construction.

**SECTION 6211  
WALL SIGNS**

**6211.1 Materials.** Wall signs that have an area exceeding 40 square feet (3.72 m<sup>2</sup>) shall be constructed of metal or other approved noncombustible material, except for nailing rails and as provided for in Sections 6206.1.1 and 6207.1 of this code.

**6211.2 Exterior wall mounting details.** Wall signs attached to exterior walls of solid masonry, concrete or stone shall be safely and securely attached by means of metal anchors, bolts or expansion screws of not less than 3/8 inch (9.5 mm) diameter and shall be embedded at least 5 inches (127 mm). Wood blocks shall not be used for anchorage, except in the case of wall signs attached to buildings with walls of wood. A wall sign shall not be supported by anchorages secured to an unbraced parapet wall.

**6211.3 Extension.** Wall signs shall not extend above the top of the wall, nor beyond the ends of the wall to which the signs are attached unless such signs conform to the requirements for roof signs, projecting signs or ground signs.

**SECTION 6212  
PROJECTING SIGNS**

**6212.1 General.** Projecting signs shall be constructed entirely of metal or other noncombustible material and securely attached to a building or structure by metal supports, such as bolts, anchors, supports, chains, guys or steel rods. Staples or nails shall not be used to secure any projecting sign to any building or structure. The dead load of projecting signs not par-

allel to the building or structure and the load due to wind pressure shall be supported with chains, guys or steel rods having net cross-sectional dimension of not less than 3/8 inch (9.5 mm) diameter. Such supports shall be erected or maintained at an angle of at least 45 percent (0.78 rad) with the horizontal to resist the dead load and at angle of 45 percent (0.78 rad) or more with the face of the sign to resist the specified wind pressure. If such projecting sign exceeds 30 square feet (2.8 m<sup>2</sup>) in one facial area, there shall be provided at least two such supports on each side not more than 8 feet (2438 mm) apart to resist the wind pressure.

**6212.2 Attachment of supports.** Supports shall be secured to a bolt or expansion screw that will develop the strength of the supporting chains, guys or steel rods, with a minimum 3/8-inch (15.9 mm) bolt or lag screw, by an expansion shield. Turn buckles shall be placed in chains, guys or steel rods supporting projecting signs.

**6212.3 Wall mounting details.** Chains, cables, guys or steel rods used to support the live or dead load of projecting signs are permitted to be fastened to solid masonry walls with expansion bolts or by machine screws in iron supports, but such supports shall not be attached to an unbraced parapet wall. Where the supports must be fastened to walls made of wood, the supporting anchor bolts must go through the wall and be plated or fastened on the inside in a secure manner.

**6212.4 Height limitation.** A projecting sign shall not be erected on the wall of any building so as to project above the roof or cornice wall or above the roof level where there is no cornice wall; except that a sign erected at a right angle to the building, the horizontal width of which sign is perpendicular to such a wall and does not exceed 18 inches (457 mm), is permitted to be erected to a height not exceeding 2 feet (610 mm) above the roof or cornice wall or above the roof level where there is no cornice wall. A sign attached to a corner of a building and parallel to the vertical line of such corner shall be deemed to be erected at a right angle to the building wall.

**6212.5 Additional loads.** Projecting sign structures which will be used to support an individual on a ladder or other servicing device, whether or not specifically designed for the servicing device, shall be capable of supporting the anticipated additional load, but not less than a 100-pound (445 N) concentrated horizontal load and a 300-pound (1334 N) concentrated vertical load applied at the point of assumed or most eccentric loading. The building component to which the projecting sign is attached shall also be designed to support the additional loads.

**SECTION 6213  
MARQUEE SIGNS**

**6213.1 Materials.** Marquee signs shall be constructed entirely of metal or other approved noncombustible material and/or approved plastic and glass.

**6213.2 Attachment.** Marquee signs shall be attached to approved marquees that are constructed in accordance with Section 3106.

**6213.3 Dimensions.** Marquee signs, whether on the front or side, shall not project beyond the perimeter of the marquee.

**6213.4 Height limitation.** Marquee signs shall not extend more than 6 feet (1829 mm) above, nor 1 foot (305 mm) below such marquee, but under no circumstances shall the sign or signs have a vertical dimension greater than 8 feet (2438 mm).

**SECTION 6214  
PORTABLE SIGNS  
(Reserved)**

**SECTION 6215  
REFERENCED STANDARDS**

ASTM D 635-03	Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Self-Supporting Plastics in a Horizontal Position	Section 6207.1.1
NFPA 70-08	National <i>Electrical Code Administrative Provisions</i>	Sections 6206.1, 6206.2
NFPA 701-99	Methods of Fire Test for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films	Section 6206.1.1

**SECTION 6216  
EXISTING SIGNS**

**6216.1 Existing sign rights.** Every existing sign and/or sign support structure constructed under a valid permit and used in conformance with these regulations and department approvals in effect at the time of construction shall be allowed to continue to exist under those regulations and approvals even though subsequent adopted regulations and approvals have changed the requirements.

**6216.2 Maintenance of existing signs.** Every sign and/or sign support structure shall be maintained in conformity with the requirements of this chapter and Chapter I of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*.

**6216.3 Illegal signs, construction and use.** Every existing sign and/or sign support structure or portion of a sign and/or sign support structure constructed without a valid building permit shall be made to conform to the current provisions of this code or shall be demolished and removed. Any use of an existing sign constructed without a valid building permit shall be discontinued.

**6216.4 Alterations, repairs or rehabilitation.**

**6216.4.1** Alterations, repairs or rehabilitation of any existing sign and/or sign support structure may be of the same type of construction as the existing sign or sign support structure provided:

1. The aggregate value of the work in any one year does not exceed ten percent of the replacement cost of both the sign and sign support structure; and
2. That there is no increase in sign area or height and no change in the location or orientation of the sign.

**6216.4.2** Alterations, repairs or rehabilitation of existing sign and/or sign support structures in excess of ten percent of the replacement cost of both the sign and sign support structure may be made, provided:

1. That the cost of the work does not exceed 50 percent of the replacement cost of both the sign and sign support structure; and
2. That there is no increase in the sign area or height and no change in the location or orientation of the sign; and
3. All new construction shall be as required for a new sign of the same type.

**6216.4.3** Alterations, repairs or rehabilitation of existing sign and/or sign support structures that exceed 50 percent of the replacement cost of both the sign and sign support structure shall comply with all the requirements of this code.

**6216.5 Additions.** Existing signs and/or sign support structures with additions or alterations that increase the sign area or height or which change the location or orientation of the sign shall comply with all of the requirements of this code.

**TABLE 4-A  
SIZE, THICKNESS AND TYPE OF GLASS PANELS IN SIGNS**

MAXIMUM SIZE OF EXPOSED PANEL		MINIMUM THICKNESS OF GLASS (inches)	TYPE OF GLASS
Any dimension (inches)	Area (square inches)		
30	500	1/8	Plain, plate or wired
45	700	3/16	Plain, plate or wired
144	3,600	1/4	Plain, plate or wired
>144	>3,600	1/4	Wired glass

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 square inch = 645.16 mm<sup>2</sup>.

**TABLE 4-B  
THICKNESS OF PROJECTION SIGN**

PROJECTION (feet)	MAXIMUM THICKNESS (feet)
5	2
4	2.5
3	3
2	3.5
1	4

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.



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<input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 Family Dwelling				<input type="checkbox"/> Apt/Condo/Townhouse				<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial				<input type="checkbox"/> EQ (Retrofit Only)				<input type="checkbox"/> Major Structure			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bldg - New				<input type="checkbox"/> Bldg - Addition				<input type="checkbox"/> Bldg - Alter/Repair				<input type="checkbox"/> Bldg - Demolition							
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-bldg - New				<input type="checkbox"/> Non-bldg - Addition				<input type="checkbox"/> Non-bldg - Alter/Repair				<input type="checkbox"/> Non-bldg - Demolition							
<input type="checkbox"/> Bldg - Relocation				<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Permit				<input type="checkbox"/> Grading Permit				<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming - Pool/Spa							

**Hillside Grading:**             Yes                       No

**GRADING PRE-INSPECTION INFORMATION**

The site is accessible by the Department Inspector at all times.  
 The site is not accessible by the Department Inspector at all times (i.e. loose dogs, locked gates, etc.).  
 If not accessible, please provide the name and phone number of a contact person for grading Inspector to call to obtain access to the property :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the site larger than one acre ?     Yes                       No

PLEASE NOTE that a \$65.00 reinspection fee will be charged if the inspector can not access the site on the first visit and delays in the plan review may result.

**DOCUMENT CHECKLIST:**

Sets of Plans: <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Plan Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Disable Access Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Building Plan Check
<input type="checkbox"/> Structural Calculation	<input type="checkbox"/> GPI Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Modification (s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Calculation	<input type="checkbox"/> Mulholand Referral Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Methane Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil/Geo Report	<input type="checkbox"/> City Planning Case (s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hillside referral form
<input type="checkbox"/> LAHD Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/> Hillside Posting Notice and mailing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Others:		

<b>PROJECT VALUATION &amp; FEE INFORMATION:</b>	<b>For Cashier's Use Only</b>
<b>Fee Period:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Green Building Fee <input type="checkbox"/> Submittal Fees <input type="checkbox"/> Submittal 2 Fees <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Surcharge <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Surcharge	
D   A   C   AR   X   AC   RW   G   SP   S	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITE <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR P.C. <input type="checkbox"/> OTC	
Engineer _____    HOURS _____	
<b>Pre-Inspection Reports:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> DPI <input type="checkbox"/> SPI <input type="checkbox"/> GPI <input type="checkbox"/> Posting Req'd <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Tree (OTPI)	



## **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE-STORY ADDITION TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER PLAN CHECK**

### **REQUIRED:**

Fill out the building permit application 'B' and provide 1 set of plans, drawn to scale, which includes the following:

#### **1. Plot Plan**

- street(s)
- dimensions of property (lot size) and proposed addition
- locations and uses of existing buildings and proposed addition
- distances from proposed addition to existing building and property lines

#### **2. Floor Plan**

- dimensions of new exterior walls and interior partitions
- dimensions of existing adjoining rooms and window sizes
- locations and sizes of new windows, doors, and plumbing fixtures.

#### **3. Framing Plan**

- types of material, locations, sizes, spans, and spacings of all new structural members (ridge, sheathing, roof, and ceilings joists, post, .. etc.)
- structural connections between addition and existing rooms.

#### **4. Foundation Plan**

- dimensions and width of new continuous footings
- locations of new piers and crawl space openings
- sizes, spans, and spacings of new sheathing, girders, and floor joists\* (\*for raised floors only).

#### **5. Elevations**

- two exterior views of addition
- roofing material specifications and pitch
- locations of new windows, doors, and attic ventilation openings

#### **6. Construction Detail**

- ceiling height of addition
- insulation materials for wall, floor, and attic
- interior and exterior finish

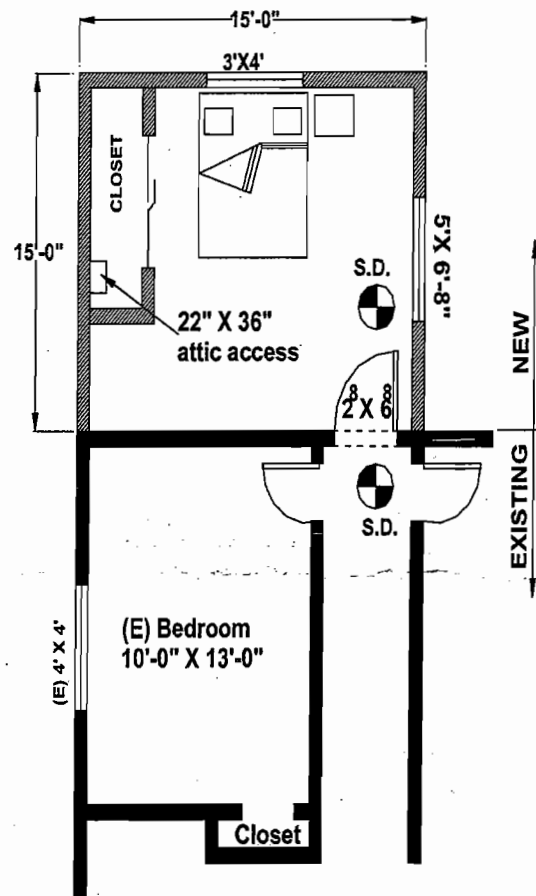
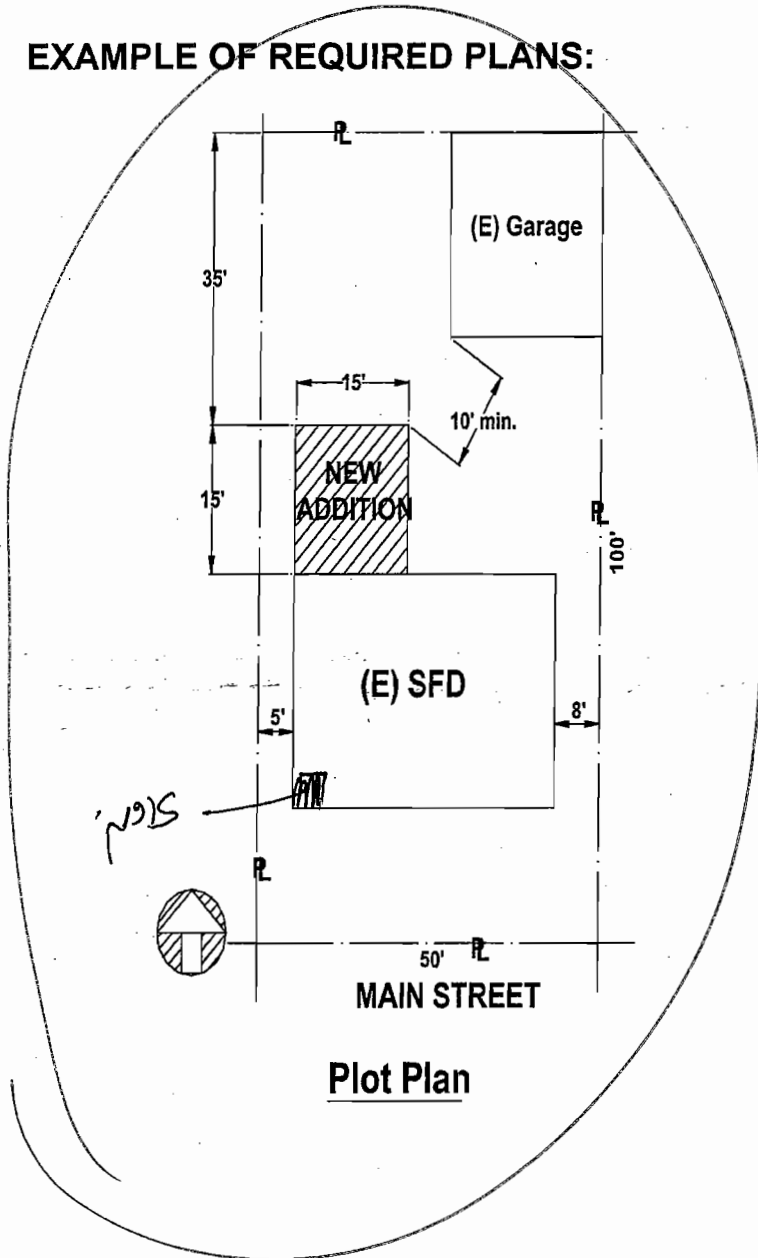
- sizes, spans, and spacing of new structural members for roof, floor, and foundation assemblies.

**7. Energy Conservation**

- size of water heater, AC unit/heater

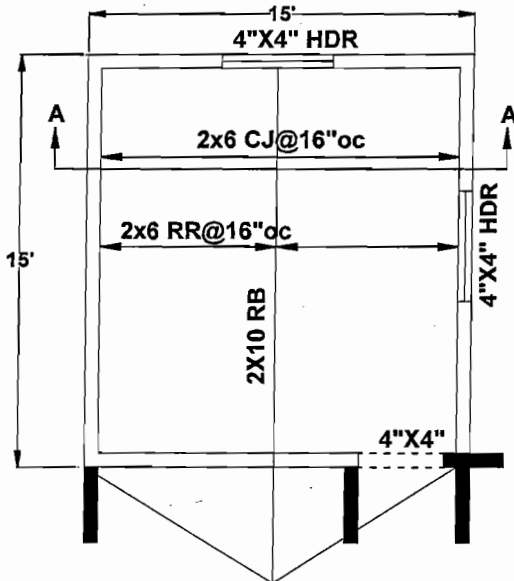
**8. Attach Type V sheet to plans**

**EXAMPLE OF REQUIRED PLANS:**

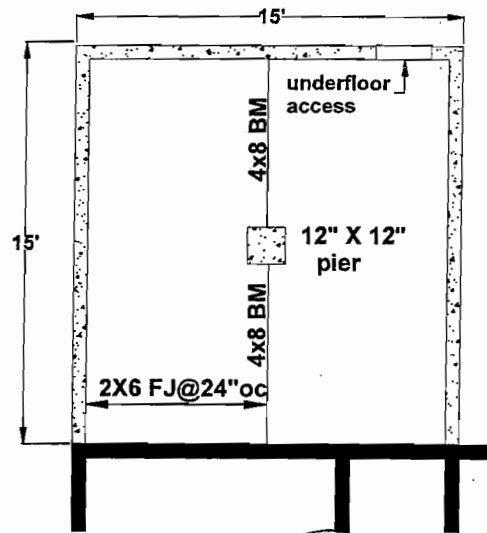


 S.D. = SMOKE DETECTOR

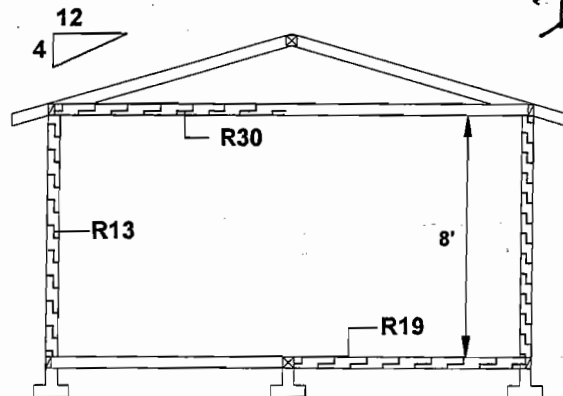




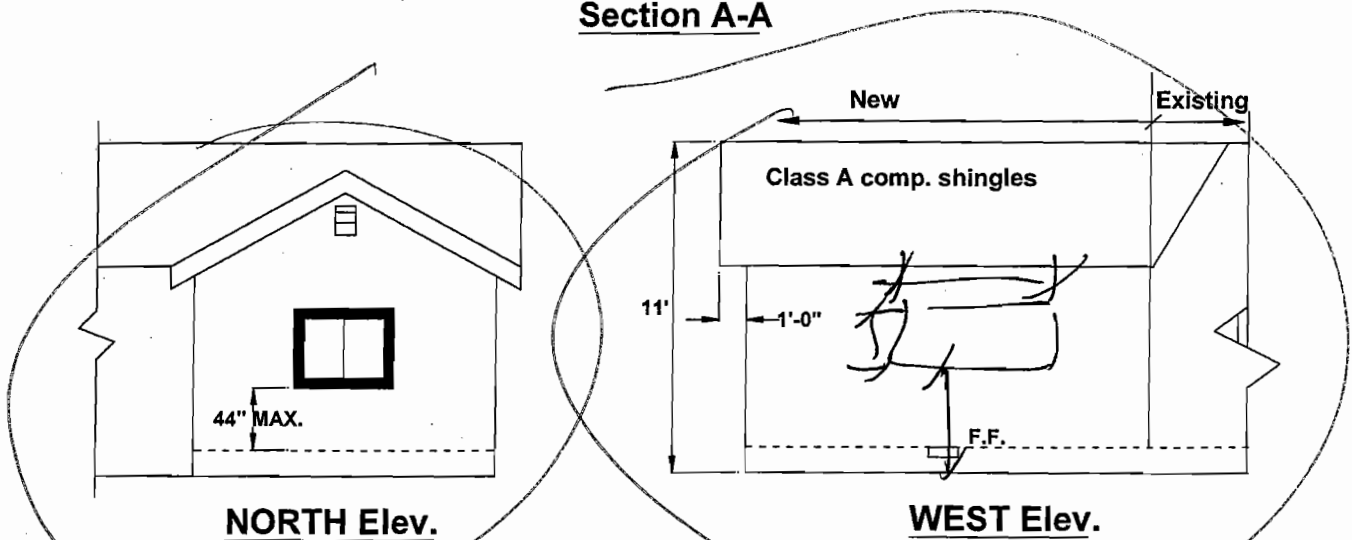
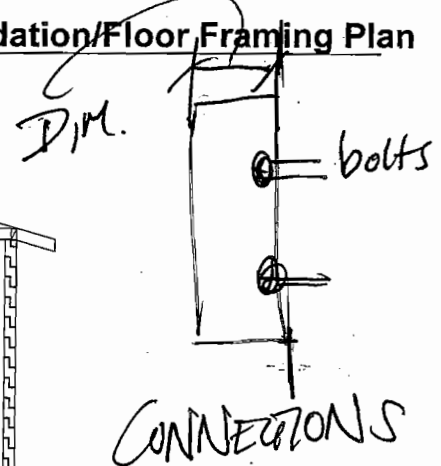
**Roof Framing**



**Foundation/Floor Framing Plan**



**Section A-A**



**NORTH Elev.**

**WEST Elev.**

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