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**RETROACTIVE PROVISIONS OF RECENTLY ENACTED LOCAL LAW 26/04
REGARDING INSTALLATION OF PHOTOLUMINESCENT MARKINGS AND
ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE WHERE EGRESS PATH IS NOT CLEAR**

Applicability: Office Buildings \geq 75 feet in height

Local Law 26/04 amends the Building Code of the City of New York by modifying section 27-383 (Photoluminescent Markings) and adding section 27-383.1 (Additional Signage Where Egress Path is Not Clear), effective 10/22/04. These new code provisions require all owners of Office Buildings 75 feet in height or greater to comply with the following mandate.

Photoluminescent Markings

All office buildings 75 feet in height or higher must install Photoluminescent markings on doors leading to exits and in exit stairs. It is recommended that building owners not arrange to install photoluminescent markings until the Department of Buildings establishes technical standards for the markings. The deadline for installation of markings is July 1, 2006. These markings will be in addition to, and not as a replacement for, any existing required exit and/or directional signage.

Additional Signage Where Egress Path is not Clear

All office buildings 75 feet in height or higher may have to install additional signage where exit stairs have horizontal extensions and transfer levels, where stairwell re-entry doors are recessed and where re-entry in a stairwell is restricted for more than four floors. Such signs must be installed by January 1, 2007. Electrical permits may be required from the Bureau of Electrical Control.

For further information regarding these requirements, as well as the other requirements of Local Law 26/04, please refer to the Department of Buildings' website, www.nyc.gov/buildings.