



**BUILDING CODE MANUAL
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION
Based on the 2011 LACBC**

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SIGNATURES – ARCHITECT & ENGINEER

Section 106.4.2 requires that building plans, calculations, reports and documents shall bear the signature and stamp or license number of the responsible design architect or engineer, except for the following work:

- a. Single family dwellings of wood frame construction not more than one story in height.
- b. Multi-family dwellings up to four units of wood frame construction not more than one story in height (on a single lot or project)
- c. Garages or other structures appurtenant to buildings described in items a) or b) above
- d. Agricultural or ranch buildings of conventional wood-stud construction, unless the building official deems that an undue risk to the public health, safety, or welfare is involved
- e. If any portion of any structure exempted by this section deviates from substantial compliance with conventional light-frame construction provisions for wood frame construction found in Section 2308, then the building official shall require the preparation of plans, drawings, specifications, or calculations for that portion by, or under the direct supervision of, a licensed architect or registered engineer. The documents for that portion shall bear the signature and stamp/number of the licensee who is responsible for their preparation

In addition, the Business and Professions Code (beginning with Section 5538 of Article 3, Chapter 3, Division 3, for architects) does not prohibit any person from furnishing plans, drawings, specifications or instruments of service for any of the following.

- a. For nonstructural or non-seismic storefronts, interior alterations or additions, fixtures, cabinet work, furniture, or other appliances or equipment.
- b. For any nonstructural or non-seismic work necessary to provide for their installation.
- c. For any nonstructural or non-seismic alterations or additions to any building necessary to or attendant upon the installation of those storefronts, interior alterations or additions, fixtures, cabinet work, furniture, appliances, or equipment, provided those alterations do not change or affect the structural system or safety of the building.

As a guide for the manner of providing an acceptable signature and/or stamp, the following rules will apply:

Architects and Engineers. State law requires interim documents include the name and license number of the engineer/architect and a notation for the intended purpose such as “for review only”, “not for construction”, or “draft”

For all plans, specifications, reports, or documents that are permitted or to be released for construction must bear the engineer’s/architect’s seal or stamp, as well as, the wet signature on the first sheet. The date of signing shall be included on the first sheet. The subsequent sheets of plans can have electronic seals and/or signatures.

The plan check engineer shall verify licensure of the design professional against the roster published by the State Department of Consumer Affairs

Standard plans and truss plans shall require wet signature and stamp on the first page of plans and may be reproduced on subsequent pages.

Specifications, calculations and reports, or other documents shall have a wet signature and license number/stamp on first page only or on the signature page of reports

Architects/engineers shall be required to sign documents for exempt work for only that portion of work which deviates substantially from conventional light-frame construction provisions (i.e., glulam beam, steel “flagpole” design, etc.)

All Person(s) preparing plans and specifications. State law requires signature(s) only on first sheet of plans and specifications. This also applies to unlicensed persons preparing plans for work exempt from the provisions of the Business and Professions Code (including interior design/space planning)

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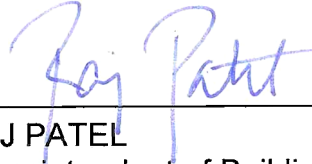
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