

## **NEW REQUIREMENT: Lighting Upgrades for Sidewalk Sheds**

**Local Law 47 of 2025 (LL47) upgrades the illumination requirements for sidewalk sheds. LL47 took effect on August 15, 2025.**

Sidewalk sheds for which construction documents are submitted on or after August 15, 2025 must meet new, increased lighting requirements. LL47 increases the minimum illumination at the level of the walking surface under the sidewalk shed to 1.5 foot-candle (17 lux), or when the walking surface is within 10 feet of a subway entrance, bus shelter, or similar transit facility, to 5 foot-candle (55 lux).

Sidewalk sheds for which construction documents were submitted before August 15, 2025 do not have to modify their lighting to comply with the local law and may continue to provide a minimum illumination of 1 foot-candle (11 lux) at the level of the walking surface under the sidewalk shed. However, previously existing sidewalk sheds may voluntarily upgrade their lighting to comply with LL47.

### **Background**

Section 3307.6.4.7 of the New York City Building Code previously required a minimum illumination of 1 foot-candle (11 lux) be provided at the level of the walking surface under the sidewalk shed. LL47 amends this section to increase the minimum illumination at the level of the walking surface under the sidewalk shed.