



**BUILDING CODE MANUAL
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION
Based on the 2008 LACBC**

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PLAN RETENTION

Section 106.5.2 of the Los Angeles County Building Code requires all plans to be retained by the building official for not less than 90 days from the date a building permit is finalized. In addition, Section 19850 of the State Health and Safety Code (H&SC) requires building departments to maintain an official copy of plans for all types of buildings, throughout the life of the building. The plans may be maintained on microfilm or other type of photographic copy.

The following plans may be discarded after 90 days from the date a building permit is finalized.

- a) Single or multiple dwellings not more than two stories and basement in height;
- b) Garages and other structures appurtenant to buildings described in Item a above,
- c) Farm or ranch buildings,
- d) Any building containing a bank, other financial institution, or public utility; (Section 19853 of the H&SC)
- e) One-story buildings where the span between bearing walls does not exceed 25 feet. This exemption does not apply to steel frame or concrete buildings.

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