



**BUILDING CODE MANUAL  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION  
Based on the 2014 LACBC**

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106.5.2  
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## **PLAN RETENTION**

Section 106.5.2 requires all plans to be retained by the Building Official for not less than 90 days from date of completion of the work covered therein, which shall be deemed from the date the building permit issued for such work 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, except for community apartment projects, condominium projects, planned developments and stock cooperatives as defined in Civil Code, Article 2, starting with Section 4100 and as designated by the Department of Regional Planning:

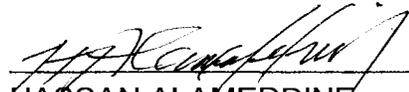
- a) Single or multiple dwellings not more than two stories and basement in height;
- b) Garages and other structures appurtenant to buildings described in Item a, above;
- c) Farm or ranch buildings;
- d) Any building containing a bank, other financial institution, or public utility; (Section 19853 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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