

2021 Virginia Construction Code

APPENDIX H SIGNS

SECTION H106 ELECTRICAL

H106.1 Illumination.

A sign shall not be illuminated by other than electrical means, and electrical devices and wiring shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of [NFPA 70](#). Any open spark or flame shall not be used for display purposes unless specifically *approved*.

H106.1.1 Internally illuminated signs.

Except as provided for in [Section 2611](#), where internally illuminated signs have facings of wood or of approved plastic complying with the requirements of [Section 2606.4](#), the area of such facing section shall be not more than 120 square feet (11.16 m²) and the wiring for electric lighting shall be entirely enclosed in the sign cabinet with a clearance of not less than 2 inches (51 mm) from the facing material. The dimensional limitation of 120 square feet (11.16 m²) shall not apply to sign facing sections made from flame-resistant-coated fabric (ordinarily known as "flexible sign face plastic") that weighs less than 20 ounces per square yard (678 g/m²) and that, when tested in accordance with [NFPA 701](#), meets the fire propagation performance requirements of both Test 1 and Test 2 or that, when tested in accordance with an approved test method, exhibits an average burn time of 2 seconds or less and a burning extent of 5.9 inches (150 mm) or less for 10 specimens.

H106.2 Electrical service.

Signs that require electrical service shall comply with [NFPA 70](#).