BACKGROUND: In 1985 the free-floating subdivision –Buildings, structures, etc. was introduced in order to provide subject access directly under city names for architectural works on certain types of buildings and structures. Previously many headings for categories of buildings and other structures in cities were constructed in the form [city]–[structure] but headings of this type were discontinued in 1985. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning the subdivision –Buildings, structures, etc., under names of cities.

1. General rule. To a work that discusses collectively a certain class of buildings or other structures in a specific city, assign the appropriate topical heading, subdividing it indirectly to the city level, for example, Skyscrapers–Illinois–Chicago; Monuments–Washington (D.C.).

   Note: For instructions on the assignment of headings to a work that discusses an individual named building or structure, and for the procedures to establish such headings, see H 1334.

2. When to assign [city]–Buildings, structures, etc. If the work discusses the class of structures from the architectural standpoint, that is, if it describes the structures as physical entities, also assign the heading [city]–Buildings, structures, etc. Examples:

   Title: The art deco skyscraper in New York.
   650 $0 $a Skyscrapers $z New York (State) $z New York.
   650 $0 $a Art deco (Architecture) $z New York (State) $z New York.
   651 $0 $a New York (N.Y.) $x Buildings, structures, etc.

   Title: Chicago churches and synagogues: an architectural pilgrimage.
   650 $0 $a Church buildings $z Illinois $z Chicago $v Guidebooks.
   650 $0 $a Synagogues $z Illinois $z Chicago $v Guidebooks.
   651 $0 $a Chicago (Ill.) $x Buildings, structures, etc.
   $v Guidebooks.

   Title: The fountains of Rome.
   650 $0 $a Fountains $z Italy $z Rome.
   651 $0 $a Rome (Italy) $x Buildings, structures, etc.
3. *When to omit [city]–Buildings, structures, etc.* If the work discusses the buildings from the *institutional* standpoint, that is, if it describes the activities or services performed or occurring in the buildings, rather than describing the buildings as physical entities, do not assign the [city]–Buildings, structures, etc. heading. *Examples:*

*Title:* Night dancin'.
650 $0 $a Discotheques $z New York (State) $z New York.
*not 651 $0 $a New York (N.Y.) $x Buildings, structures, etc.*

*Title:* Scenes of prison life in London.
650 $0 $a Prisons $z England $z London.
*not 651 $0 $a London (England) $x Buildings, structures, etc.*