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Special Event Construction Embargo in Midtown Manhattan



A Special Event Construction Embargo will be in effect for NYPD Police Officer Wilbert Mora's wake and funeral starting tomorrow, affecting construction work in select areas of Midtown Manhattan.

The Department of Buildings recommends that building contractors and construction professionals in the area should refrain from any exterior building construction and construction-related deliveries during this time. Delivery and construction vehicles, such as concrete truck deliveries, heading to the area may also be disrupted.

This embargo is in effect starting Tuesday, February 1st at 12:01 AM through Wednesday, February 2nd at 11:59 PM.

[More information about the embargo can be found here.](#)

Upcoming Events



Need help understanding building regulations in NYC? Want to talk directly to DOB experts about your construction-related questions? Curious about the latest DOB service updates?

Then join the thousands of New Yorkers who have already been attending our live online events by registering for an upcoming session today!

This week's live online events at DOB:

Elevator Industry Q&A Session - For elevator companies to ask questions about the 2022 changes to elevator safety filings (periodic inspections and category tests). [Tuesday, February 1st at noon, 12:00 PM.](#)

Brooklyn/Staten Island Q&A Session - For property owners and design professionals in Brooklyn and Staten Island to ask job specific questions about filings or general questions about DOB regulations. [Tuesday, February 1st at 2:00 PM.](#)

Boiler Industry Q&A Session - For boiler inspectors to ask questions about the 2022 changes to annual boiler safety inspection requirements. [Wednesday, February 2nd at 10:00 AM.](#)

Bronx Monthly Industry Meeting - For design professionals in the Bronx to discuss non-job specific policy and business process questions. [Wednesday, February 2nd at 2:00 PM.](#)

Queens Q&A Session - For property owners and design professionals in Queens to ask job specific questions about filings or general questions about DOB regulations. [Thursday, February 3rd at 2:00 PM.](#)

Registration is free but space is limited, so sign up today!

[Check out all of our upcoming scheduled online events.](#)

FAIRER Program



New Yorkers with unpaid OATH judgments can still have related violation penalties reduced by up to 75%, thanks to the NYC Department of Finance's FAIRER program, that is running until March 20, 2022.

Launched in an effort to support homeowners and small businesses in particular, [the Fine and Interest Reduction Enabling Recovery \(FAIRER\) Program](#) allows New Yorkers the opportunity to pay a reduced amount for eligible OATH/ECB judgments, if the violations are [certified as corrected with DOB](#).

For questions about a DOB-issued violation, contact the Department's Administrative Enforcement Unit at (212) 393-2405 or [contact us online](#).

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This weekend's storm showed that winter in NYC often means extreme weather events that can disrupt construction operations and create hazardous building conditions for the public.

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