

# Buildings news update

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## New Acting Commissioner at DOB



Yesterday morning, Mayor Eric Adams named Kazimir Vilenchik, P.E., as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Buildings, steering efforts to promote the safe and lawful use of nearly 1.1 million buildings and over 40,000 active work sites in our City.

A member of the Department since 2008, Acting Commissioner Vilenchik has served as First Deputy Commissioner for the Department, and before that was the Brooklyn Borough Commissioner. Prior to his tenure at the Department, Acting Commissioner Vilenchik worked for over 20 years in the private sector. He attended Belarussian State Polytechnic University in Minsk, Belarus.

In a message to Department staff, the Acting Commissioner said:

"Together, we have accomplished so much at the Department since the beginning of the new administration, and I have every intention of moving the ball forward on our other new agency initiatives. We continue to serve a vital role in this City, and I thank each of you for your continued dedication and professionalism."

## 2022 Construction Codes Go Into Effect



On Monday, November 7, the new 2022 NYC Construction Codes go into effect, the first such comprehensive Code revision in our City since 2014.

These new Codes will have a profound impact on future building construction projects in New York City. There are over 600 major updates, and thousands of smaller changes, intended to improve safety for our fellow New Yorkers, and incorporate the latest in building materials, technologies and strategies for increased resiliency.

Applicants should be aware that job filings submitted in DOB NOW on or after Monday, November 7, may require new Special Inspections and new Required Documents to comply with the 2022 Construction Codes.

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[See our Presentation on DOB NOW Updates related to the 2022 Codes](#)

[2022 NYC Construction Codes](#)

## The New Face of DOB NOW



DOB NOW is getting a new front page with a streamlined layout for easier navigation starting on Monday, November 7. This new layout will be mobile-friendly, so you can now use the Public Portal right on your smart phone.

In addition to easier navigation and improved user experience, the new landing page will also include a new "Building on My Block / Zoning Challenge" search tool - to easily find new development projects in specific neighborhoods which are currently eligible for a zoning challenge.

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## Walk-Ins Welcome for Certificate of Correction Requests



DOB's Administrative Enforcement Unit is now accepting walk-in customers who need assistance with Certificate of Correction requests that have been submitted online in DOB NOW: BIS Options.

Customers can receive walk-in customer service assistance on the first floor at 280 Broadway, Manhattan, as of Wednesday, November 2.

[Read the full Service Notice](#)

## Office Closure Reminder



Finally, a reminder that Tuesday, November 8 is Election Day and Friday, November 11 is Veterans Day. All Department of Buildings Offices will be closed on these two recognized City holidays. In addition, Buildings After Hours will also be cancelled on Tuesday, November 8.

Kazimir Vilenchik, P.E., Acting Commissioner

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