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Licensing Updates and Upcoming Webinar



DOB has two important updates for building industry license and registration holders, both starting Monday, June 5th, 2023.

Licensees and Registrants will be required to submit license insurance updates in DOB NOW: BIS Options. DOB is hosting a [free training webinar](#) on the new process on Wednesday, May 31st, at 10 am. [Read the Service Notice.](#)

Also starting on June 5th, Licensees and Registrants will be prohibited from beginning a license renewal application in DOB NOW: BIS Options until all penalties associated with outstanding Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) summonses are paid. [Read the Service Notice.](#)

Waterfront Code Committee Applications Closing Soon



To align with the changes that have reshaped the urban waterfront over the past half-century, the Department of Buildings has identified a need to develop, adopt, and implement a Waterfront Code for NYC to supplement the existing provisions in the NYC Construction Codes.

The Waterfront Code would standardize design, construction, and maintenance requirements for waterfront structures such as piers, docks, and bulkheads.

DOB is requesting applications from members of the construction, real estate, labor, architectural, and engineering community, with emphasis on structural, geotechnical, and marine engineers, and other interested stakeholders, to serve on technical committees that will help review the Waterfront Code. Applications are still being accepted through May 31, 2023.

[For more information about the Waterfront Code Committees](#)

[Apply to participate in the Code Revision Committees](#)

New Online Payment Methods in DOB NOW



New Yorkers submitting payments in the DOB NOW portal will now have additional payment options. Effective May 21st, 2023, DOB NOW payment options expanded to include both PayPal and Venmo for all transactions. As with credit card payments, PayPal and Venmo payments carry a 2% convenience fee.

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Lower Manhattan Building Collapse



Buildings Commissioner Jimmy Oddo was in Lower Manhattan at the site of last month's fatal parking garage collapse, to observe the ongoing emergency demolition work.

Operations to safely remove vehicles from the remaining structure, being performed by City contractors, are ongoing. DOB structural engineers are continuing their investigation into the cause of this tragic collapse.

Reminder that as per the 2022 NYC Construction Codes, owners of parking structures in New York City must hire a New York State licensed and registered professional engineer (PE) to inspect the parking structure and file a condition assessment report with the Department at least once every six (6) years.

[See photos from Commissioner Oddo's site visit](#)

[Information on Periodic Inspections of Parking Structures](#)

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Jimmy Oddo, Commissioner

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