

Buildings news

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DOB Releases New Real-Time Major Construction Map



Earlier this month, DOB published a [new, real-time interactive map](#) of all major construction projects in the city, showing almost 200 million square feet - over 7 square miles - of new square footage currently under construction in New York City.

This "Construction on Your Block" map allows the public to easily find the latest information, in granular detail, about new building and major alteration projects in their neighborhoods.

This map is the latest analytics tool created by the Department that leverages data to better inform the New Yorkers about the city's built environment.

[New York Times Feature](#)

[Press Release](#)

[Data and Reporting Page](#)

DOB to Open Customer Service Atrium



On Monday, September 10, six central units within the Department will begin moving into DOB's new Customer Service Atrium, located on the ground floor of DOB's

Service Updates

[Elevator Compliance Filings to Launch in DOB NOW: Safety](#)

[Follow Up to Service Notice on Elevator Compliance Filings](#)

[Electrical Enforcement Inspections Unit Relocates](#)

2014 Construction Code Updates

[Update Page # 60](#) reflects changes made by [NYS Laws of 2018 - Chapter 217](#) (effective 8/24/2018), relation to requiring notice to adjoining owners of construction or demolition work.

[Update Page # 61](#) reflects changes made by [Local Law 158 of 2017](#) (effective 8/30/2018), in relation to construction work permits.

Update pages are printable inserts to keep your hard copy Construction Codes up to date.

All [update pages](#) for the 2014 NYC Construction Codes.

Local Laws

[Local Law 106 of 2018](#) (Int. No. 96-A) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to allowing residential cooperatives to consolidate required energy efficiency reports.

All [New York State Laws of 2018 Chapter 217](#) An Act to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring notice to adjoining owners of construction or demolition work.

Hearings + Rules

Construction Site Safety Training Rules

All [1 RCNY 3321-01](#) The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to amend the course provider rule to address site safety training, add penalties relating to site safety training and add a new rule regarding site safety training.

Public hearing: 3/8/18 @ 10am - 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium

headquarters at 280 Broadway in Lower Manhattan. This new location will act as a one-stop shop for many of the public's transactions with DOB.

The following schedule will be in place the week of September 10:

Administrative Enforcement Unit (AEU)

- Closed Monday, September 10
- Open Tuesday, September 11 at new location

Central Inspections (Boiler and Elevator Units)

- Closed Tuesday, September 11
- Open Wednesday, September 12 at new location

Limited Alteration Applications/Permit Renewal & HUB Authentication Unit (LAA)

- Closed Wednesday, September 12
- Open Thursday, September 13 at new location

Licensing & Exams Unit, Central Cashier and Central Filing and Billing

- Closed Thursday, September 13
- Open Friday, September 14 at new location

Service Notice

DOB Office Wait Times

New Website for Plan Examiner Appointments

On October 1, the Department will launch [a new online self-service appointments system](#) to replace the current process of calling 311 to make an appointment with a DOB plan examiner. The new website will enable customers to directly see a plan examiner's availability, as well as schedule, cancel, and review appointments online.

Elevator Inspection and Test Filings in DOB NOW: *Safety*

Big news coming up in the elevator world: NYC is just one week away from the launch of DOB NOW: *Safety* for elevator compliance filings. Starting September 17th, 2018 all new inspection and test reports for elevators and related devices conducted in NYC must be submitted through our online portal DOB NOW: *Safety*. That is over 160,000 inspections and tests every year.

Remember, that Friday, August 31 is the last day the Department will be accepting in-person paper filings, prior to the switch.

Service Notice

DOB NOW: *Safety* Training Sessions

DOB NOW: *Safety*

Upcoming DOB NOW Releases

The next several months will bring significant new capabilities to **DOB NOW** as the Department continues its modernization effort.

- October 15 - **DOB NOW: *Build*** adds its 12th work type with **Limited Alteration Applications**
- November - **DOB NOW: *Licensing*** debuts with Journeymen, including the new Gas Work Qualification, as well as Welders
- December - **DOB NOW: *Build*** adds Certificates of Operations for both Place of Assembly and Temporary Place of Assembly

Register for an upcoming training and view resources including a user guide at www.nyc.gov/dobnowtraining.

Construction Site Safety Training Rules (Violation Classification & Certification of Correction Amendment)

All **1 RCNY 102-01** The Department of Buildings (DOB) proposes to update the Buildings Penalty Schedule to include rules related to illegal residential conversions, monitoring, tenant protection plans, pre-shift safety meetings, site-specific safety orientations, and site safety training for workers at construction sites. The DOB also proposes to update several existing penalties.

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Requirements Regarding Elevator Capacity and Loading

1 RCNY 3610-05 (effective 9/28/18) The purpose of these rule amendments is to update requirements for the posting of information about elevator carrying capacity, and the detection and regulation of overloaded elevators.

All Department Rules

Buildings Bulletins

2018-009: Establishes revised operational procedures to consider issuing Certificate of Occupancy for buildings with certain open alteration applications.

2018-010: Provides guidance on code-compliant configurations of fuel oil piping for day tanks and addresses dual certification of day tanks.

2018-011: Establishes acceptance criteria for multi-point gravity pneumatic waste transport systems as an alternative material in the NYC Construction Codes.

All Buildings Bulletins

Website Updates

2016 NYC Energy Conservation Code Replacement Pages

UPDATED - Energy Code: Supporting Documents How to Guides

Energy Conservation Code Related Regulations

Tenant Protection Plan

FOIL Requests

Mobile Electronic Violations

Approved Fabricators

Major Disciplinary Cases

\$55,000 in penalties issued to Branic International Realty Co. for illegal transient use, work without a permit, and illegal occupancy at the Marrakech Hotel at 2690 Broadway, Manhattan. The legal Class A multiple dwelling building had been illegally converted into a 48-room transient hotel.

\$50,000 in penalties issued to Lamar Advertising of Penn LLC, for displaying illegal outdoor signs without proper permits at 1595 Forest Avenue, Staten Island.

\$16,000 in penalties issued to Professional Engineer Daniel Odigie for submitting deficient designs for sidewalk sheds at different locations around Brooklyn. DOB had previously obtained a surrender of Mr. Odigie's self-certification privileges after his deficient design of a sidewalk shed led to a collapse on November 19, 2017 at 568 Broadway, Manhattan.

\$43,000 in penalties issued to Safety Registrant, MNR Group Inc. for work without a permit, work contrary to approved plans, and a failure to safeguard a construction site, after wood construction debris fell from the building's fourth floor fire escape and injured a child on the sidewalk below at 83-01 35th Avenue, Queens.

DOB publishes monthly bulletins detailing the agency's efforts to sanction and deter bad actors in the construction industry. You can find this information posted on the [Enforcement Action Bulletin](#) page of our website.

[Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders](#)

[Industry Code of Conduct for Construction Professionals](#)

Job Postings

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[Construction Related Incidents](#)

Licensing

[Obtain a: Safety Registration Number](#)

[8-Hour Chapter 33 Site Safety Manager Renewal](#)

[Offer Site Safety Training \(SST\) Courses](#)

[Department Approved Course Providers](#)

[Changes To Rigger's License](#)

[Obtain a: New York City Concrete Safety Manager Registration](#)

[LIC2 License Application](#)

Code Notes

[Facade & Balcony Inspections](#)

Did You Know?

The New York City Office of Emergency Management has a map showing the location of every open cooling center in the City.

A great way to beat the heat, these air-conditioned public facilities are there for those experiencing physical discomfort during a heat wave.

[NYC Cooling Center Finder](#)

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