

# Buildings news update

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## You're Invited to Buildings After Hours



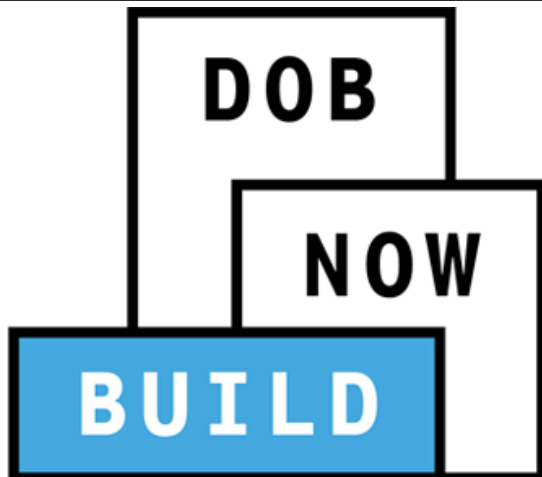
We are opening our doors every Tuesday for our Buildings After Hours customer service event to make it easier for homeowners, small business owners, tenants and buildings managers to get questions answered.

Beginning this Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at our five borough offices, meet with DOB staff to get advice on construction projects, address an open violation on a property or to get the status of an application filed with us.

[Find a borough office near you](#)

[Learn more about joining an after-hours event near you](#)

## New Document Submission Enhancements in DOB NOW: *Build*



A new Prior to Filing classification is being added for Required Documents in DOB NOW: *Build*.

To accommodate applicants who may not have a required document at the start of the filing process, starting on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the existing Prior to Approval classification is being modified to allow filings to be submitted for standard plan review without these documents.

[Read the Full Service Notice](#)

## DOB NOW Updates



In order to enhance users' experience on DOB NOW: Build, the following additional system updates have been made:

**Site Survey: Initial and Plot Diagram:** Added as Required Documents for New Building, Alteration-COs and Alterations with enlargement, General Construction (GC) filings.

**Zoning and Special Districts:** Paired districts and three new special districts were added as selections for Zoning Information.

**Requests to waive or defer a required document:** Any stakeholder can now select the option to request a waiver or deferral, not just the applicant. The request is not submitted until the filing/permit is submitted by the applicant. Also, waiver/deferral requests can be made at any time, not just at the stage indicated on the required document. e.g. a waiver for a document that is required prior to permit can now be requested when the job is in pre-filing status.

**Standpipe Alarm Drawings document:** Standpipe Alarm Drawings are no longer populating as a required document for 1, 2 or 3-family properties. It is a required document for NB and AltCO jobs where the existing building height is <75 ft and the proposed building height is >75 feet.

**Work Permit data fields added in the Public Portal:** Applicant/Contractor and Permit Expiration Date were added as fields when viewing permits in the Public Portal.

## Upcoming Buildings Events



Additional dates for our online Live Q&A Sessions and online Industry Meetings have been posted for the months of June and July.

Every week, DOB holds these free, borough-specific events for industry professionals and members of the public, which are a great opportunity to get your job-specific and regulation questions answered from the comfort of your own home.

Thousands of your colleagues have already attended these live online meetings. Sign up today to reserve your spot for the next online session.

[Check out our full calendar of upcoming events](#)

## Connect With Us!

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