

Buildings news

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2020 NYC Energy Conservation Code Passes Council Vote



On Thursday, February 27th, the New York City Council passed our 2020 NYC Energy Conservation Code, which will be one of the strongest baselines for new construction energy efficiency in the entire country. The new code goes into effect May 12th, 2020.

[Read the Press Release](#)
[Check Out The Service Notice](#)
[More On Our Energy Conservation Code](#)

Tickets Available For Build Safe | Live Safe Conference



Tickets are now on sale for the Department's Build Safe | Live Safe Conference, and are going fast. This annual daylong series of construction safety seminars is scheduled for May, 8, 2020.

[Purchase Your Tickets](#)
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Service Updates

[Periodic Parking Garage Inspections](#)
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[Cranes Filings \(Phase One\) to Launch in DOB NOW: *Build*](#)
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[Follow-up #1: Local Law 59 of 2019 - Free Construction Project Status Updates Now Available by Email for DOB NOW: *Build Jobs*](#)
[Refund Requests for Superseded Limited Alteration Applications \(LAA\)](#)
[Electrical Plan Review Unit Relocates to 80 Centre Street](#)
[Follow-up #1: Local Law 152 of 2016: Periodic Inspection of Gas Piping Systems Required](#)
[Façades Unit Added to Customer Service Night](#)

2014 Construction Code Updates

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

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

Hearings + Rules

1 RCNY 101-07 Amendment of Rules Governing Exterior Wall Inspections and Repairs (Approved Agencies Amendment)
Promulgated Effective Date 02/20/2020

1 RCNY 103-04 Amendment of Rules Governing Exterior Wall Inspections and Repairs (Periodic Inspection of Exterior Walls and Appurtenances of Buildings Amendment)
Promulgated Effective Date 02/20/2020

1 RCNY 103-06 Amendment of Annual Reporting Requirements for Energy and Water Use
Promulgated Effective Date 02/20/2020

[All Department Rules](#)

Buildings Bulletins

2020-003: This bulletin clarifies that a newly formed zoning lot may not consist of parts of tax lots.

New Façade Rules For Local Law 11 Buildings



DOB implemented new changes to the Façade Inspection & Safety Program (FISP), greatly enhancing building safety by requiring more thorough inspections, and increasing penalties for unsafe conditions. The new rules went into effect February 20th, 2020.

New Rule For Periodic Façade Inspections

FAQs For New Rule

Façade

Training Sessions For Crane Filings in DOB NOW: *Build*



Filings for Crane Prototypes (CP) and Crane Devices (CD) are coming to DOB NOW: *Build* at the end of March. DOB is offering free training sessions for the public on how to use the online portal. Sign up today!

Sign Up For a Training Seminar

Service Notice

Open Data Week 2020

2020-002: This bulletin clarifies when to apply the 2016 New York City Energy Conservation Code (NYCECC) or the 2020 NYCECC to New Building (NB) and Alteration (Alt) applications.

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Local Laws

Information on Local Laws

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Façades

Façade Report Guidelines

Façade Filing Instructions

Façade Fees & Penalties

Façade Inspection & Safety Program (FISP) Filing Instructions

Benchmarking

Energy Efficiency Report Forms

Boiler Division Frequently Asked Questions

Boiler Violation Civil Penalty Reference Chart for Low Pressure & High Pressure

DOB NOW: *Build* FAQ

DOB NOW: Safety for Elevator Compliance Filings FAQs

Elevator Forms

Procurement Opportunities

Leadership

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Filing Representative Training Courses

Did You Know?

The 2020 Census is around the corner ♦ and it will shape New York City's future for years to come.

Filling out the census is easy, quick, and completely confidential.

Find out more about the Census 2020





The first week of March is Open Data Week in New York City. Here is your chance to register for workshops and conferences held across the five boroughs, to learn about how NYC uses data to keep on top of our growing city.

[Open Data Week 2020](#)

Major Disciplinary Cases

- \$60,000 in penalties issued to Southridge Cooperative Sec. 1, the owners of 3325 92nd Street, 3305 92nd Street, 3345 92nd Street, 3324 93rd Street, 3304 93rd Street, and 3344 93rd Street, Queens, for failure to provide sidewalk pedestrian protection measures after filing façade inspection reports indicating that the façade were unsafe.
- \$150,000 in penalties issued to Min Ru Zheng, the owner of 370 50th Street, Brooklyn, for the illegal conversion of a legal two-family house into an illegal twelve-family building with the addition of ten illegal Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units.
- \$37,250 in total penalties issued to General Contractor Grand Builder Contracting after DOB inspectors found multiple violating conditions at a job site at 335 Grand Street, Manhattan, including failure to properly secure the construction site, unguarded holes found on one of the floors, missing guard rails, inadequate egress, missing window protection, missing rebar caps, and inadequate housekeeping.
- \$10,000 in penalties issued to Construction Superintendent Goran Medak for failing to perform his duties and properly maintain accurate safety logs at a construction site located at 51 MacDougal Street, Manhattan. DOB inspectors found that the log book had entries already filled out for future dates.

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](#)

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