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DOB Welcomes New Commissioner Melanie E. La Rocca



Melanie E. La Rocca became the 24th Commissioner of the NYC Department of Buildings on June 3rd, 2019. DOB regulates and promotes the safe and lawful use of nearly 1.1 million buildings and more than 45,000 active construction sites.

As Commissioner, Melanie is furthering the agency's efforts to create a culture of safety on construction sites and enforce laws to protect all New York City residents, workers, and visitors.

Under Commissioner La Rocca's leadership, DOB is redoubling its modernization efforts to improve response times, bring clarity and consistency to agency operations, and insist on the highest standards of integrity, both in the construction industry and within the department.

Commissioner's Message

Press Release

Reminder: Sprinkler Requirements For Commercial Buildings in Effect



July 1, 2019 is the deadline for compliance with [Local Law 26 of 2004](#), requiring the installation of sprinklers in any commercial building over 100 feet tall.

Service Notice

Local Law 26 of 2004 FAQ

Project Guidelines: Sprinklers

New Work Types Added in DOB NOW

Service Updates

Periodic Parking Garage Inspections

Filing Requirements for Applications Requiring Final Inspection by Registered Design Professional

Electrical Advisory Board (EAB) Eliminated

New Review Request Process for Civil Penalties (L2) in DOB NOW: *Build*

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.

Local Laws

Local Law 119 of 2019 ([Int. No. 1533-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the New York City Building Code, in relation to the definition of site safety training full compliance date and site safety training second compliance date.

Local Law 118 of 2019 ([Int. No. 1280-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to the tenant protection plan and penalties for false statements relating to tenant occupancy on certain construction documents.

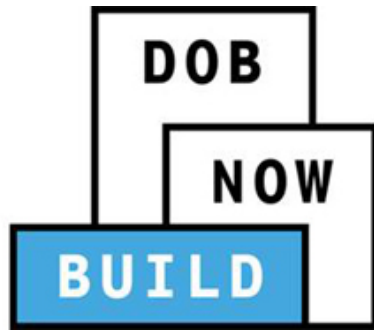
Local Law 117 of 2019 ([Int. No. 1279-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring the Department of Buildings and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to audit a certain percentage of certifications of correction.

Local Law 116 of 2019 ([Int. No. 1278-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York and the New York City Building Code, in relation to requiring heightened review of tenant protection plans and increased enforcement of building code standards.

Local Law 115 of 2019 ([Int. No. 1277-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to preliminary inspections.

Local Law 114 of 2019 ([Int. No. 1275-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to denying permits for occupied buildings.

Local Law 111 of 2019 ([Int. No. 1257-A](#)) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to inspections of construction sites for which the Department of Buildings has issued a permit.



Reminder: Starting July 1, 2019 all new filings for structural, mechanical, plumbing, sprinkler, and standpipe jobs are required to be submitted in **DOB NOW: Build**.

Service Notice

DOB NOW Training Sessions

Site Safety Training Deadline December 1, 2019



There are 156 days left before workers on larger construction sites in New York City will be required to have at least 30 hours of safety training. Watch our **new television PSA** on the upcoming training deadline.

Site Safety Training Website

Local Law 196 Site Safety Training FAQ

Major Disciplinary Cases

- \$43,750 in total penalties issued to Tracking Number Holder Lime-Light Construction for a failure to safeguard a work site at 26 1st Avenue, Manhattan, which resulted in a worker falling from a supported scaffold. The Tracking Number Holder was cited for a number of violating conditions at the work site including defective scaffold installation, incomplete decking, missing guardrails and pins, and lack of required worker training cards for scaffold work.
- \$10,000 in penalties issued to Safety Registrant DLC Development for operating a crane in an unsafe manner at 37-27 12th Street, Queens. The crane was being used without proper DOB approvals, was found to be operating too close to overhead power lines, and had improperly set up supporting outriggers on a cracked sidewalk.
- \$25,000 in penalties issued to Safety Registrant Mega Contracting GP, LLC, for failure to safeguard a construction site at 540 West 53rd Street, Manhattan, which led to a worker falling 16 feet to the ground. It was

Local Law 110 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1247-A**) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to providing residents with copies of notices of violations.

Local Law 108 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1241-A**) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to expanding sanctions for submission of professionally-certified false or noncompliant building permit applications or plans.

Local Law 107 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1171-A**) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to identifying unlawful statements in submissions to the Department of Buildings.

Local Law 106 of 2019 (**Int. No. 1107-A**) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to submittal of construction documents, applicant and owner statements, and tenant protection plans.

Local Law 105 of 2019 (**Int. No. 977-A**) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to sanctions for submitting incorrect professionally certified applications for construction document approval.

Local Law 104 of 2019 (**Int. No. 975-A**) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to denying building permits where a residential building has an excessive number of violations.

Hearings + Rules

1 RCNY 34-01 Phase-in of new Standards for Electrical Work (Repeal)
Promulgated Effective Date 07/11/19

1 RCNY 34-02 Review of Applications for Electrical Permits and Certificates of Electrical Inspection during the Phase-in Period (Repeal)
Promulgated Effective Date 07/11/19

1 RCNY 34-03 Temporary Certification to Perform Low Voltage Electrical Work (Repeal)
Promulgated Effective Date 07/11/19

1 RCNY 34-05 Amendment of Rules Governing Electrical Work (Electrical Advisory Board Amendment)
Promulgated Effective Date 07/11/19

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determined that the worker fell between a gap between the building and a sidewalk shed, which should have been closed off.

- \$10,000 in penalties issued to General Contractor Vice Contracting LLC, for failure to safeguard a construction site located at 5120 6th Avenue, Brooklyn. DOB inspectors found that the rear of the site had been excavated and the building's rear fire escape ladder could no longer be used as a safe means of egress.

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.

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Melanie E. La Rocca Commissioner

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Did You Know?

DOB recently released a Site Safety Construction Map, which shows all major construction sites in NYC where workers are required to have site-safety training under Local Law 196. [You can view the map here](#), and [read more in our press release](#).

