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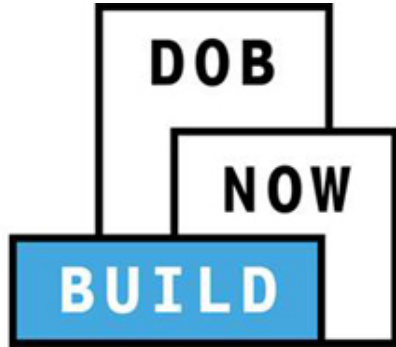
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Electrical & Elevator Filings Coming to DOB NOW: *Build*



Electrical and elevator job filings will launch in DOB NOW: *Build* in December. This new launch follows last month's rollout of DOB NOW: *Build* for sidewalk shed, supported scaffold, fence, and sign job filings. By submitting these jobs online, you can file at a time and place that are convenient for you, rather than having to come to our office. Visit our [DOB NOW page](#) to register for upcoming information sessions. You can also learn more about registering in [eFiling](#), a requirement to use DOB NOW: *Build*. If you have any questions, please feel free to submit an inquiry to [DOB NOW Online Help](#).

[Sidewalk Shed, Supported Scaffold, Fence and Sign Filings Service Update](#)

[Electrical Job Filings Update](#)

[Elevator Job Filings Update](#)

[DOB NOW: *Build*](#)

[DOB NOW Public Portal](#)

Important Industry Notice For Crane & Derricks

Hoisting personnel with a crane or derrick is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, personnel riding on structural steel members, formwork, loading platforms, or building cocoon systems that are attached to the load line of a crane or derrick.

[Industry Notice](#)

[Safeguards During Construction or Demolition](#)

Benchmarking Report Shows Progress on 80x50 Goal

Service Updates

Elevators and Escalators
[Safety Code](#)

Elevator Directors, Co-Directors, and Inspectors
[New eFiling Enrollment Process](#)

DOB NOW: *Safety*
[Webinar Sessions for Boiler Compliance Filings](#)

Development Inspections
[Units Relocate](#)

Work Without a Permit
[Requesting an Override, Reduction or Waiver of Civil Penalties](#)

Local Law 87/09
[Process to Comply for New Buildings and Buildings Undergoing Alterations](#)

Administrative Enforcement Unit
[Available Services and Service Level Agreements](#)

Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Phone System
[Building Enforcement Safety Team Added](#)

Hearings + Rules

Rating for Class B Hoisting Machine Operators

[1 RCNY 104-09](#) The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to amend 1 RCNY 104-09 to add ratings for class B licensed hoisting machine operators.

Public hearing: 11.20.17 @ 10am - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Hoisting Machine Operator Learners and Supervision of Learners

[1 RCNY 104-23](#) The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to establish criteria governing the training of individuals learning to become a hoisting machine operator.

Public hearing: 11.17.17 @ 10am - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Amendment of Qualifications for Energy Auditors and Retro-

New York City's Energy and Water Use 2014 and 2015 Report

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NYC's latest comprehensive analysis on energy and water use in large buildings shows big decreases in greenhouse gas emissions in buildings across the City. Expanded energy benchmarking for buildings in all five boroughs will play a pivotal role in reaching the Mayor's goal of an 80 percent reduction in NYC's carbon emissions by 2050.

[Press Release](#)

[Energy and Water Use Report](#)

[Information on Benchmarking](#)

Floodplain Management Course Available



DOB will be hosting a four day FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) MI E273 course early next year. Local officials and industry professionals responsible for administering floodplain management ordinances are encouraged to register for this training by November 20, 2017. The course will focus on the National Flood Insurance Program, and its relationship to floodplain management. Seating is limited, so sign up today. Continuing education credits will be available for certified floodplain managers.

[Register For Floodplain Management Course](#)

DOB Inspectors in Puerto Rico

commissioning Agents

1 RCNY 103-07 (effective 11.13.17)
The Department of Buildings (DOB) is amending section 103-07 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York relating to the qualifications for energy auditors and retro-commissioning agents.

Requirements for Cableways used in Construction or Demolition

1 RCNY 3320-01 (effective 11.23.17)
This rule establishes requirements for cableways utilized in conjunction with the construction or demolition of a building or structure.

Requirements for the Approval of a Property Tax Abatement Application for the Installation of a Solar Electric Generating System

1 RCNY 105-02 (effective 10.6.17) The Department of Buildings (DOB) is amending section 105-02 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York relating to tax abatements for solar electric generating systems. These amendments modify the prohibition of ballast for grade-level installations and clarify requirements of the New York City Building Code which apply to ballast systems.

Cranes and Derricks

1 RCNY 3319-01 (effective 10.6.17)
The amendment addresses the use of mini cranes in the construction industry, which represent a new and evolving class of technology, but do not fit into the current licensing classifications of Article 405, which are predominately geared towards larger cranes.

Individual Private On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems

1 RCNY 8001-01 (effective 10.18.17)
This rule regulates the design, construction, installation, alteration, maintenance and operation of individual private on-site sewage disposal systems when a permit is also issued for the construction or alteration of a building. This rule also repeals Reference Standard RS-16, Plumbing and Gas Piping, of the appendix to Chapter 1 of Title 27 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

Construction Document Approval Requirements For Compliance with the New York City Energy Conservation Code



Teams of DOB inspectors spent much of October on the ground in Puerto Rico, working alongside volunteers from NYC and across the USA to help the people of Puerto Rico get back on their feet after Hurricane Maria. They inspected thousands of buildings across the island, using their technical skills and expertise to aid in the recovery effort. Find out how you can help Puerto Rico, and the victims of other recent hurricanes, by visiting the [Help Now NYC website](#).

\$200K Settlement For Underpayment of DOB Fees

The New York City Law Department and DOB announced a \$200,000 settlement with parties involved in the 2005 renovation of the Maritime Hotel in Chelsea, Manhattan. This case was originally brought to the City's attention by a whistleblower, who helped uncover that the owners, developers and design professionals associated with the renovation illegally underreported the cost of the project, and as a result underpaid permit fees owed to DOB.

[Press Release](#)

Disciplinary Cases

DOB recently issued violations and \$10,000 fines to four different individuals for failing to carry out their duties as construction superintendents.

A criminal court summons was issued to the owner of a Bronx building for failing to file Local Law 11 facade inspection reports in the last three cycles. As a result of these actions, the Department was able to compel the owner to file the appropriate inspection reports.

A criminal court summons was issued to a Manhattan property owner for failing to comply with numerous DOB orders to remove an illegal sign. After failing to show up at the scheduled hearing, a criminal court judge issued a \$25,000 penalty to the owner and a bench warrant for their arrest.

DOB recently issued violations to two locations in Queens and one in Brooklyn for illegal alterations without proper DOB permits. \$63,000 in fines were issued to the owners of these properties as a result of these violations.

[Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders](#)

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

1 RCNY 5001-01 (effective 10.20.17)
This amends the rule implementing the City Energy Code, 1 RCNY 5000-01, to conform to the changes to the City Energy Code in Local Laws 91 and 125. The rule also reflects changes in the State Energy Code regarding specific tests, inspections and code references.

[All Department Rules](#)

2014 Construction Code Updates

[Update Page #31](#) reflects changes made by [Local Law 196 of 2017](#) (effective 10.16.17), in relation to construction site safety training and repealing section 3310.10.2 of the New York City Building Code.

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

Illegal Conversions Reporting

[Local Law 188 of 2017](#) (effective 2.13.18) amends the Administrative Code of The City of New York, in relation to reporting on illegal conversions of dwelling units for other than permanent residence purposes.

Construction Site Safety Training

[Local Law 196 of 2017](#) (effective 10.16.17; sec 11 of LL 196/17 is effective 3.1.18) amends the Administrative Code of The City of New York, in relation to in relation to construction site safety training and repealing section 3310.10.2 of the New York City building code.

Buildings Bulletins

2017-010: Establishes acceptance criteria for evaluating Group C (200 ksi tensile strength) high strength structural bolts (referred to as Group C high strength bolts) conforming to ASTM F3043 or F3111 as an alternative material in the NYC Construction Codes.

2017-011: Clarifies the protection requirements for enclosing wiring used in smoke control systems.

2017-012: Allows alternative system to replace existing approved Standpipe

Website Updates

DOB NOW: [Build Resources for Sidewalk Shed, Supported Scaffold, Fence and Sign Filings](#)

DOB NOW: [Build Sidewalk Shed, Supported Scaffolding, Construction Fence and Sign Session Presentation](#)

Site Safety Plans Mandatory on All Work Scopes Requiring a Registered Construction Superintendent Industry Notice

DOB Course Providers List

Top Elevator Offenders

Licensing

Obtain a: [Registered Construction Superintendent Number & Card](#)

Registration Renewal: [Construction Superintendent](#)

Obtain a: [Master Plumber License](#)

License Renewal: [Master Plumber](#)

License Renewal: [Elevator Inspector](#)

License Renewal: [Elevator Director](#)

Certification Renewal: [Site Safety Coordinator](#)

Certification Renewal: [Site Safety Manager](#)

License Renewal: [Master & Special Electrician](#)

Certificate Renewal: [Plumber/Fire Suppression Piping Contractor](#)

License Renewal: [Oil Burner Equipment Installer](#)

Obtain a: [Master Rigger License](#)

Job Postings

Sign up for Weather Alerts

Rick D. Chandler, P.E., Commissioner

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Fireline Telephone and Signaling System (SFTSS) installed in prior code buildings.

2017-013: Rescinds 22 Operational Policy and Procedure Notices (OPPNs) that are no longer applicable under any code.

2017-014: Establishes the minimum criteria for a fire engineering analysis with respect to section BC 705.12.

[All Buildings Bulletin](#)

Did You Know

NYC's "Heat Season" officially began on October 1st. During the colder months, building owners are legally required to provide heat for their tenants. During "Heat Season", which lasts until May 31st, building owners can face violations and fines from the City if they don't meet legal temperature requirements.

[HPD Info on "Heat Season"](#)

