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Build Safe | Live Safe Conference 2018



Tickets are selling out fast, [get yours today!](#) Topics for this year's conference will include:

- Construction Safety: Year in Review and Recent & Upcoming Changes
- Safety Considerations for Renewable Energy Systems
- Classifying NYC's Housing Stock - Clarifying a Difficult Issue
- Learning from Damage Assessment Post Hurricane Maria

Additional workshops and credit details will be announced soon, so stay tuned!

DOB Celebrates Women's History Month

Service Updates

[NEW REQUIREMENT for Alteration Type 1 Jobs - Total Building Square Footage](#)

[DOB NOW: Build Requirement for Building Plan Submissions](#)

[Industry Notice: Regulatory Requirements for Use of Mini Cranes](#)

2014 Construction Code Update

[Update Page # 50](#) reflects changes made by [Local Law 203 of 2017](#) in relation to penalties for violations of site safety provisions of the construction codes.

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 70 of 2018](#) (Int. No. 1419-A) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to penalties for construction site safety violations that result in or are accompanied by death or serious physical injury.

[Local Law 65 of 2018](#) (Int. No. 1120-A) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to notification of proposed soil or foundation work.

[Local Law 64 of 2018](#) (Int. No. 1015-A) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to establishing a housing portal.

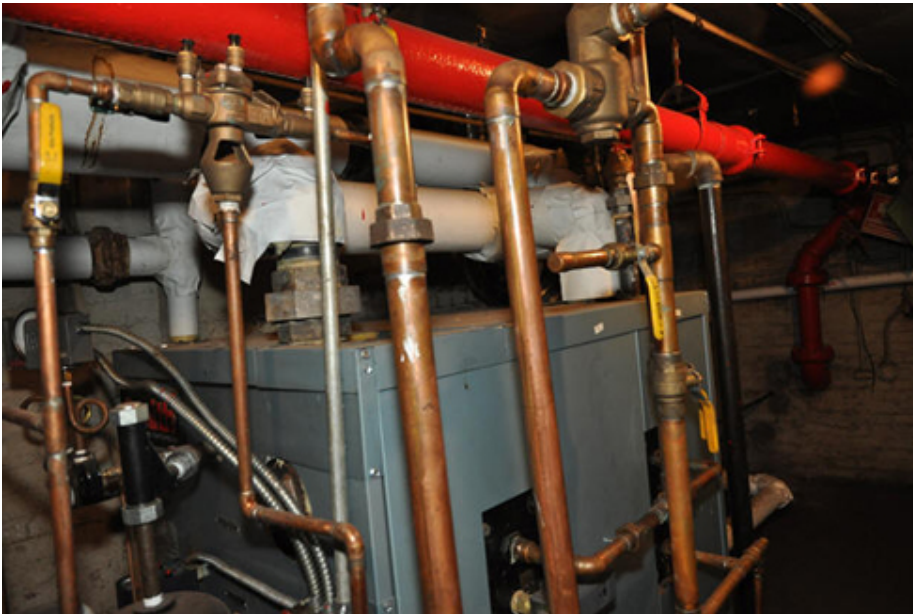
[Local Law 62 of 2018](#) (Int. No. 1009-A) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to an online portfolio report of registered property owners.

[Local Law 55 of 2018](#) (Int. No. 385-C) A Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to indoor asthma allergen hazards in residential dwellings and pest management, and to repeal section 27-2018 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, relating to rodent and insect eradication and extermination.



In honor of National Women's History Month, DOB hosted a panel discussion titled **She Believed She Could, So She Did**. The event featured members of the Department's senior management: Deputy Commissioner for Legal and Regulatory Affairs Alexandra Fisher, Esq., Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Policy Archana Jayaram, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration Sharon Neill, Borough Commissioner for Hub Full and Self Service Elizabeth Skowronek, and Chief of Staff for the Office of the Commissioner Adria Crutchfield. The panel discussed their experiences and gave advice on topics including leadership, gender equity, inclusion in the workplace, and their respective paths to public service.

Changes to Limited Alteration Application Fee Structures



In accordance with **Local Law 56 of 2016**, the fee and penalty structures for **Limited Alteration Application (LAA)** permits for repair and replacement of plumbing work and fire-suppression piping, and oil burner installations have been updated for both **1, 2, and 3 family homes**, as well as all **other building types**.

Energy Code News

Hearings + Rules

1 RCNY 103-06 Amendment of Reporting Requirements for Energy and Water Use in Certain Buildings

Public hearing: 04/16/18 @ 2:00 PM - 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room

1 RCNY 102-01 Amendment of Buildings Penalty Schedule (Violation Classification and Certification of Correction Amendment)
Promulgated Effective Date 03/07/18

1 RCNY 101-06 Amendment of Rules Governing Special Inspectors and Special Inspection Agencies
Promulgated Effective Date 03/07/18

1 RCNY 3606-03 Amendment of Reference Standard for Flood Insurance Rate Maps Promulgated Effective Date 04/18/18

[All Department Rules](#)

Buildings Bulletins

2018-002: Clarifies requirements for amending Certificates of Occupancy for use of rooftop terraces.

[All Buildings Bulletins](#)

Website Updates

[Updated Department Approved Courses and Requirements](#)

[Updated Electrical Advisory Board Membership and Advisory Board Calendar](#)

[Updated Determinations Fact Sheet](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: *Build* FAQs for Electrical and Elevator Filings](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: *Build* Antenna, Curb Cut, Sidewalk Shed, Supported Scaffold and Construction Fence Job Filing User Manual](#)

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

[Updated DOB NOW: *Build* Resources for Antenna and Curb Cut Filings](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: *Build* Antenna and Curb Cut Filings Presentation](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: *Build* Sidewalk Shed, Supported Scaffold, Construction Fence and Sign Filing Presentation](#)



We want NYSERDA to Hear From You!

The NYSERDA 2018 Stretch Code is now available for PUBLIC COMMENT.

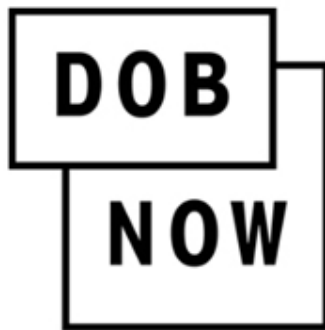
Local Law 32 of 2018 requires that the City adopt the 2018 Stretch Code by NYSERDA as the base code for the 2019 New York City Energy Conservation Code.

Read the proposed code and [submit comments](#) on the draft by April 3, 2018.

Updated Energy Code Tabular Analysis

DOB has updated the tabular analysis required for all projects covered under the 2016 New York City Energy Conservation Code to align with changes made to the Code. You can find a sample of the updated chart on our [website](#).

New in DOB NOW: In-Person Trainings



The Department of Buildings is offering the following training sessions to the general public free of charge to learn more about DOB NOW:

Please click the links below on the date and time you would like to attend and follow the instructions to register (all trainings take place at 125 Worth St., 2nd floor, New York, NY 10013 unless otherwise noted):

Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 - 9:30am - 11:00 am

Q&A on DOB NOW: Build - Electrical filings

DOB staff will demonstrate how to file an ED16A online and obtain an electrical permit. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions about DOB NOW.

Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 - 9:30am - 11:00 am

Q&A on DOB NOW: Build - Construction Fence & Sign

DOB staff will demonstrate how to file for two of the most common DOB NOW filings

[Updated DOB NOW: Build Electrical Filings Presentation](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: Build Elevator Filings Presentation](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: Build Electrical Filings User Manual](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: Build Elevator Filings User Manual](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: Build Superseding Request Letter Template](#)

[Updated DOB NOW: Safety Boiler Compliance Filings Presentation](#)

[Updated Plumbing Unit Contact Number](#)

[Construction Related Accident Reports for February 2018](#)

[Owner Notification of Start of Work Form and Tenant Protection Plan Owner Notification of Start of Work Form](#)

Disciplinary Cases

\$49,800 in penalties issued to Clinton Green North LLC, for the illegal transient use of six residential units at 515 West 52nd Street, Manhattan, also known as 779 10th avenue.

\$42,000 in penalties issued to building owner Carolina Bartholomew for illegally altering the property at 119-64 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Queens, from a two-family home to a six-family home.

\$23,200 in penalties issued to building owner Chuan Ying Xu for the illegal conversion of 83-08 Grand Avenue, Queens, from a two-family home to an eight-family home and for conducting work without a permit.

\$25,000 in penalties issued to General Contractor Jose Martinez of JM Contractors (NY), Inc. for failure to safeguard a neighboring property affected by construction, which partially collapsed due to inadequate shoring, sheeting and bracing on a construction site at 120-15 84 Avenue, Queens.

DOB is now publishing monthly Enforcement Bulletins detailing the agency's efforts to sanction and deter bad actors in the construction industry. You can find these bulletins posted in the [Press Releases](#) section of our website.

[Additional Disciplinary Actions & Voluntary Surrenders](#)

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

and this will also be an opportunity to ask questions about DOB NOW.

Future sessions will be added to this page as they are planned [◆](#) please revisit for the most up to date schedule.

Need info right now? Make sure to check out training presentations and web tutorials for each release by clicking on the Resources links on the [DOB NOW: Build](#) and [DOB NOW: Safety](#) pages.

Know Before You Go: Window Wait Times Available Online

Service Type	Customers Waiting	Wait Time (mins)
Application Processing	42	41
Cert of Occupancy	16	14
Construction Enforcement	0	0
Electrical Enforcement	0	0
Express Cashier	1	4
Fast App	0	0
Fee Estimator	18	30
Plumbing Enforcement	0	0
Prof Priority App Processing	0	0
Prof Priority Fast App	0	0
Records	2	2

As part of our effort to improve customer service and cut down on time spent waiting in line, DOB has implemented the Q-Matic electronic scheduling system. This allows customers to view wait times at our all borough offices, as well as our Manhattan Central Office, in real time. As of Monday, April 2nd current window wait-times can be viewed on our website.

New Procedure for FOIL Request Submissions

Beginning April 12, 2018 the Department of Buildings will begin using the [Open Records Portal](#) for Freedom of Information Law requests (FOIL). The Open Records Portal is a mandatory Citywide initiative and all City agencies are required to use the Portal. Through the Open Records Portal you can file a records request with every City agency.

Please submit your Department of Buildings FOIL request to [NYC Open Records](#).

Licensing

[Updated Requirements for 32-Hour Rigger Supervisor and 16-Hour Rigger Refresher](#)

[Obtain a: Special Rigger License](#)

[Obtain a: Master Rigger License](#)

[License Renewal: Master Rigger](#)

Job Postings

Sign up for Weather Advisories

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Did You Know

The opening of Coney Island's Luna Park is a sure sign of spring for many New Yorkers. Did you know, that addition to inspecting elevators and escalators, DOB's Elevator Unit is also responsible for overseeing the safe operation of NYC's amusement rides, including the Cyclone and the Wonder Wheel?

Rick D. Chandler, P.E., Commissioner



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