

## NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

### **Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules**

**What are we proposing?** The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to amend its rules relating to hoisting machine operators to reflect the New York State Supreme Court's decision that the portion of the current rule relating to out-of-state experience in an urban area of comparable density for a Class A Hoisting Machine License is invalid.

**When and where is the hearing?** DOB will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 10am on 1/13/17. The hearing will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at 280 Broadway.

**This location has the following accessibility option(s) available:** Wheelchair Accessible

**How do I comment on the proposed rules?** Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to the DOB through the NYC rules website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email comments to [dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov).
- **Mail.** You can mail comments to the New York City Department of Buildings, Office of the General Counsel, 280 Broadway, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 10007.
- **Fax.** You can fax comments to the New York City Department of Buildings, Office of the General Counsel, at 212-566-3843.
- **Speaking at the hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by calling 212-393-2085. You can also sign up in the hearing room before the hearing begins on 1/13/17. You can speak for up to three minutes.

**Is there a deadline to submit comments?** Yes, you must submit comments by 1/13/17.

**Do you need assistance to participate in the hearing?** You must tell the Office of the General Counsel if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by mail or email at the addresses given above. You may also tell us by telephone at 212-393-2085. You must tell us by 12/30/16.

**Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules?** You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. A few days after the hearing, copies of all comments submitted online, copies of all written comments and a summary of oral comments concerning the proposed rule will be available to the public at the Office of the General Counsel.

**What authorizes DOB to make this rule?** Sections 643 and 1043(a) of the City Charter, Sections 28-401.6 and 28-405.3 of the City Administrative Code authorize DOB to make this

proposed rule. This proposed rule was not included in DOB's regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year because it was not contemplated when DOB published the agenda.

**Where can I find DOB's rules?** DOB's rules are in Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York.

**What rules govern the rulemaking process?** DOB must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043(b) of the City Charter.

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose**

The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to amend section 104-09 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York relating to hoisting machine operators. The amendments reflect the New York State Supreme Court's decision that the portion of the current rule relating to out-of-state experience in an urban area of comparable density for a Class A Hoisting Machine License is invalid.

DOB's authority for this rule is found in Sections 643 and 1043(a) of the New York City Charter, Sections 28-401.6 and 28-405.3 of the City Administrative Code.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

"Shall" and "must" denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of section 104-09 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

- (4) [An applicant for a Class A or C Hoisting Machine Operator license shall provide proof of experience demonstrating the years of experience required by the Administrative Code and compliance with the following requirements:
  - (i) For a Class A Hoisting Machine Operator license at least three (3) years of work within the five (5) years prior to application must have been under the direct and continuing supervision of a Hoisting Machine Operator licensed by the Department or by another jurisdiction within the United States that regulates crane operators.
    - (A) At least one (1) year of the qualifying experience must have been undertaken in the City of New York.
    - (B) Notwithstanding the above, in lieu of the one (1) year of qualifying experience undertaken in the City of New York, the applicant may have, for at least the past ten (10) years prior to application, held a Hoisting Machine Operator license issued by a jurisdiction within the United States, with at least five (5) years of experience within those (10) years having been in an urban area of comparable density within the United States, as determined by the Commissioner.

(C) In addition to the requirements of either (A) or (B), above, the other two (2) required years of qualifying experience must have been undertaken either in the City of New York or in an urban area of comparable density within the United States, as determined by the Commissioner.

(ii) For] An applicant for a Class C Hoisting Machine Operator license must provide proof of experience demonstrating at least two (2) years of work within the three (3) years prior to application [must have been] under the direct and continuing supervision of a Hoisting Machine Operator licensed by the Department or by another jurisdiction within the United States that regulates crane operators. At least one (1) year of the qualifying work must have been undertaken in the City of New York or in an urban area of comparable density within the United States, as determined by the Commissioner.

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
CHARTER §1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE:** Amendment of Requirements for Hoisting Machine Operator Licenses

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 2016 RG 098

**RULEMAKING AGENCY:** Department of Buildings

I certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed rule as required by section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the above-referenced proposed rule:

- (i) is drafted so as to accomplish the purpose of the authorizing provisions of law;
- (ii) is not in conflict with other applicable rules;
- (iii) to the extent practicable and appropriate, is narrowly drawn to achieve its stated purpose; and
- (iv) to the extent practicable and appropriate, contains a statement of basis and purpose that provides a clear explanation of the rule and the requirements imposed by the rule.

/s/ STEVEN GOULDEN  
Acting Corporation Counsel

December 1, 2016  
Date

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**CERTIFICATION / ANALYSIS  
PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE: Amendment of Requirements for Hoisting Machine Operator Licenses**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: DOB-86**

**RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Buildings**

I certify that this office has analyzed the proposed rule referenced above as required by Section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the proposed rule referenced above:

- (i) Is understandable and written in plain language for the discrete regulated community or communities;
- (ii) Minimizes compliance costs for the discrete regulated community or communities consistent with achieving the stated purpose of the rule; and
- (iii) Does not provide a cure period because it does not establish a violation, modification of a violation, or modification of the penalties associated with a violation.

/s/ Francisco X. Navarro  
Mayor's Office of Operations

December 1, 2016  
Date