

FY '19 REGULATORY AGENDA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1042 OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

The Rules of the New York City Department of Buildings are authorized pursuant to Section 643 of the New York City Charter and are found in Title 1 of the **Rules of the City of New York**. The Rules are supplementary and include interpretive technical rulings as well as administrative procedure necessary to carry out the law.

Promulgation of the following rules and regulations of the Department of Buildings is anticipated by the first day of July 2019:

1. Rule relating to the Loft Board.

- A. Reason: To simplify navigation, language, and processes, to add rules pertaining to the 2015 amendments to the Loft Law and to address issues raised by tenants and owners within the Loft community.
- B. Anticipated contents: Add an entirely new Chapter 1 governing the Loft Board's functions and amend some rules contained in Chapter 2 to address community concerns.
- C. Objectives: Repeal and reenact the Loft Board procedural rules in order to simplify navigation, language, and processes and to address community concerns.
- D. Legal basis: Section 643 of the New York City Charter; Multiple Dwelling Law 282(d).
- E. Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Owners and tenants of interim multiple dwellings and those who work with them to legalize these spaces (architects, contractors, etc.)
- F. Other relevant laws: Multiple Dwelling Law §282.
- G. Approximate schedule: First half of FY'19.

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2. Rule relating to gas work qualifications.

- A. Reason: Local law 150 of 2016 created a requirement for gas work qualifications.
- B. Anticipated contents: Qualifications for performing gas work.
- C. Objectives: Establish qualifications for performing gas work.

- D. Legal basis: Section 643 of the New York City Charter.
- E. Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Plumbers and those performing gas work.
- F. Other relevant laws: Article 423 of the Administrative Code.
- G. Approximate schedule: Second half of FY'19.

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3. Rule relating to gas piping safety inspections.

- A. Reason: Local law 152 of 2016 requires periodic inspections of gas piping systems.
- B. Anticipated contents: Qualifications for gas piping safety inspectors and the frequency of inspections.
- C. Objectives: Establish qualifications for gas piping safety inspectors and the frequency of inspections.
- D. Legal basis: Section 643 of the New York City Charter.
- E. Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Building owners, licensed plumbers.
- F. Other relevant laws: Article 318 of the Administrative Code.
- G. Approximate schedule: Second half of FY '19.

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4. Increasing penalties for violation of stop work orders and work without a permit.

- A. Reason: Local laws 156 and 157 of 2017 increased the penalties for violation of stop work orders and work without a permit.
- B. Anticipated contents: Amend 1 RCNY § 102-04 to increase penalties to match the increases in local laws 156 and 157.
- C. Objectives: Bring rule into compliance with code.
- D. Legal basis: Section 643 of the New York City Charter.
- E. Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Building owners; registered design professionals, licensees, contractors.

F. Other relevant laws: Sections 28-207.2.6 and 28-213.1 of the Administrative Code

G. Approximate schedule: Second half of FY'19.

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5. Rules necessary to add or amend penalties and violation classifications.

A. Reason: Various local laws adopted by the City Council may require adding violation classifications and penalties or amending existing ones.

B. Anticipated contents: Amend 1 RCNY § 102-01 to add or amend penalties and violation classifications for violations of code and rules as needed.

C. Objectives: To be able to impose penalties for violation of new local laws.

D. Legal basis: Article 201 of the NYC Administrative Code.

E. Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Building owners; registered design professionals, licensees, contractors.

F. Other relevant laws: NYC Administrative and Construction Codes, as amended.

G. Approximate schedule: Second half of FY'19.

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