

**NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection
Regulatory Agenda for FY 2026**

I. Summary of Overall Regulatory Agenda

Pursuant to Section 1042 of the New York City Charter, the NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (“DCWP”) hereby publishes its Regulatory Agenda for Fiscal Year 2026, which begins on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026. DCWP plans to promulgate rules to amend sections in the following chapters of Title 6 of the Rules of the City of New York (“Rule” or “6 RCNY”):

- Chapter 1 – License Enforcement
- Chapter 2 – Licenses
- Chapter 5 – Consumer Protection Law
- Chapter 6 – Administrative Hearings
- Chapter 7 – Office of Labor Policy and Standards

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II. Rules to be Promulgated

A. Chapter 1- License Enforcement

a. Rule 1-01.1 Applications

- Subject: Proposed rule would extend the prohibition on submission of a new license application for a period of one year after an applicant has had a license revoked or denied for substantive (not administrative) reasons beyond fraudulent representations to the agency.
- Reason for amendment: DCWP receives thousands of applications each year, and having to process repeat applications is inefficient because circumstances warranting denial or revocation are unlikely to have changed.
- Anticipated content: Amendment to subdivision(c) of 6 RCNY 1-01.1.
- Objective: To conserve DCWP’s limited resources and avoid reviewing unmeritorious applications.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(c) and (f), Admin. Code Section 20-104(b).
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Chapters 1 and 2 of the Admin. Code; Chapters 1 and 2 of Title 6 of the Rules of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Individuals and entities that have a license application denied or revoked.
- Approximate schedule: June-August 2025

B. Chapter 2 – Licenses

1. Subchapter H, Sightseeing Guides

a. Rule 2-74 Examination to be Taken by Applicants

- Subject: Amendments to DCWP examination requirements for sightseeing guide licenses.
- Reason for amendment: The current license examination process contains unnecessary administrative steps and restrictions, and actual costs of administering the examination are not reflected in the current rules.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 2-74.
- Objective: To streamline the application process and capture costs associated with the examinations.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(c) and (f), Admin. Code Section 20-104(b).
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Sections 20-242 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Sightseeing guide licensees and applicants.
- Approximate schedule: May – June 2025

2. Subchapter S, Debt Collection Agencies

a. Rule 2-193 Records to be Maintained by Debt Collection Agency

- Subject: Amendments to DCWP recordkeeping requirements for debt collection agencies.
- Reason for amendment: To clarify recordkeeping provisions to align with changes in other sections of the debt collection rules.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 2-193.
- Objective: To clarify and update the rules.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(f), Admin. Code Section 20-104(b) and 20-493.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Sections 20-288 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Debt collection agencies.
- Approximate schedule: June – October 2025

3. Subchapter U, Sightseeing Buses, Horse Drawn Cabs and Drivers

a. Rule 2-211 Buses, Bus Owners and Drivers

- Subject: Amendments to update and clarify the obligations of sightseeing bus licensees.
- Reason for amendment: To update DCWP's rules to reflect current practices and to clarify and simplify the rules.

- Anticipated content: Amendments to current rule sections.
- Objective: To update and maintain accuracy of rules.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(c) and (f), and Admin. Code Sections 20-104(b) and 20-384.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Sections 20-371 to 20-376.2 and 20-383 of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Sightseeing bus licensees and applicants.
- Approximate schedule: June – July 2025

b. Rule 2-212 Horse Drawn Cabs, Owners and Drivers

- Subject: Amendments to application requirements and standards of character and fitness for horse drawn cab licensees.
- Reason for amendment: To update DCWP’s rules to reflect current practices and remove redundancies.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 2-212.
- Objective: To update and maintain accuracy of rules.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(c) and (f), Admin. Code Sections 20-104(b) and 20-384.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Sections 20-371 to 20-375, 20-381 and 20-383 of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Horse drawn cab licensees and applicants.
- Approximate schedule: July – September 2025

4. Subchapter V, Home Improvement Business

a. Rule 2-224 Home Improvement Business Trust Fund

- Subject: Amendments to Home Improvement Business Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) process to increase restitution to consumers from licensed home improvement businesses while amending contribution requirements for those businesses.
- Reason for amendment: The Trust Fund is sufficiently funded to provide additional consumer relief and does not require additional contributions for licensed home improvement businesses.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 2-224.
- Objective: To increase disbursement of consumer restitution and improve efficiency in the process.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(c), Admin. Code Sections 20-104, 20-115 and 20-391.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Sections 20-385 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Home improvement business licensees and consumers.
- Approximate schedule: June – July 2025

b. Rule 2-226 Written Examination Required

- Subject: Amendments to DCWP examination requirements for home improvement contractor licenses.
- Reason for amendment: The current license examination process contains unnecessary administrative steps and restrictions, and actual costs of administering the examination are not reflected in the current rules.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 2-226.
- Objective: To streamline the application process and capture costs associated with the examinations.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(c) and (f), Admin. Code Sections 20-104(b) and 20-391.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Section 20-385 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Home improvement contractor licensees and applicants.
- Approximate schedule: May – June 2025

5. Subchapter W, Process Servers

a. Rule 2-232d Testing

- Subject: Amendments to DCWP examination requirements for process server licenses.
- Reason for amendment: The current license examination process contains unnecessary administrative steps and restrictions, and actual costs of administering the examination are not reflected in the current rules.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 2-232d.
- Objective: To streamline the application process and capture costs associated with the examinations.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(c) and (f), Admin. Code Sections 20-104(b) and 20-408.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Section 20-403 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Process server licensees and applicants.
- Approximate schedule: May – June 2025

6. Subchapter AA, General Vendors

a. Rule 2-307 Practices

- Subject: Amendments to rules governing general vendors.
- Reason for amendment: To clarify and modernize the general vendor rules.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 2-307, repeal of rules 2-308 and 2-311.
- Objective: To simplify and clarify the receipt requirements for general vendors and remove obsolete provisions of the rules.

- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(f), Admin. Code Sections 20-104(e) and 20-471.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Section 20-452 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: General vendors.
- Approximate schedule: May – June 2025

b. Rule 2-315 Application Procedures for Honorably Discharged Members of the Armed Forces who are Eligible for Specialized Vending Licenses Pursuant to § 35-a of the General Business Law

- Subject: Amendments to rules governing specialized vending licenses for general vendors.
- Reason for amendment: To clarify that qualifying Department of Health and Mental Hygiene mobile food vending licensees may apply for a DCWP specialized vending license.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 2-315
- Objective: To expand the options for veterans with service-related disabilities to vend by permitting those who also hold a mobile food vendor license to qualify for specialized vending licenses.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203 (f), Admin. Code Sections 20-104(e) and 20-471.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Section 20-452 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Mobile food vendors.
- Approximate schedule: June – July 2025

C. Chapter 5 – Consumer Protection Law

1. Subchapter A, Part 2: Advertising and Promotion

a. Hotel Fee Disclosures

- Subject: Making it a deceptive trade practice to charge consumers hidden “junk fees” for hotel stays, under the Consumer Protection Law.
- Reason for amendment: To address the prevalent issue of hidden, undisclosed or unexpected fees in the hotel industry.
- Anticipated content: New rule in this subchapter.
- Objective: To ensure accurate pricing information for consumers and establish consistency and fairness in advertising practices in the hotel industry.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(d), Admin. Code Section 20-701 and 20-702.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Sections 20-700 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Persons advertising hotel stays in the City of New York or to New York City consumers.
- Approximate Schedule: September – November 2025

2. Subchapter A, Part 3: Consumer Credit

a. Rule 5-24 Credit Card Limitations

- Subject: Amendments regarding required disclosures for businesses that accept credit cards.
- Reason for amendment: To align DCWP's rules with amendments to State law.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 5-24.
- Objective: To clarify that businesses in the City of New York must comply with New York General Business Law § 518 regarding credit card disclosures.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(f), Admin. Code Section 20-702.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: New York General Business Law § 518.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Businesses in the City of New York that accept credit cards.
- Approximate Schedule: May – June 2025

3. Subchapter A, Part 6: Debt Collection

a. Rule 5-76 Debt Collection and Rule 5-77 Unconscionable and Deceptive Trade Practices

- Subject: Amendments to DCWP rules governing debt collection agencies.
- Reason for amendment: To clarify and update obligations that apply to various types of debt collectors and debt collection.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rules 5-76 and 5-77.
- Objective: To clarify and update the rules for different stakeholders and licensees.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(f), Admin. Code Sections 20-104(b), 20-493(a), and 20-702.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Sections 20-488 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Debt collectors.
- Approximate Schedule: June – October 2025

D. Chapter 6 – Administrative Hearings

1. Subchapter B, Penalties

a. Rule 6-89 Fees for Rental of Residential Property Penalty Schedule

- Subject: Amendments to DCWP penalty schedules regarding broker fees.
- Reason for amendment: To implement the penalty schedule for Local Law 119 of 2024, which prohibits landlords and real estate agents from charging their fees to tenants where the agent is representing the landlord for the rental of a residential property.
- Anticipated content: New rule 6-89
- Objective: To outline penalties associated with violations of Local Law 119.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(f).
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Sections 20-699.20 *et. seq.* of Title 20 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Landlords and real estate agents.
- Approximate Schedule: May – June 2025

E. Chapter 7 – Office of Labor Policy and Standards

1. Subchapter A: Office of Labor Policy and Standards

a. Rule 7-101 Definitions; Rule 7-109 Enforcement and Penalties.

- Subject: Proposed rules would update definitions to correct the department name and charter references and reflect additional local laws enforced by the Office of Labor Policy and Standards (OLPS), as well as clarify procedures for information-gathering in investigations.
- Reason for amendment: OLPS’s enforcement mandate has grown, and aspects of the rules are outdated. OLPS also has broad authority to conduct investigations; procedures for information-gathering will make processes smoother and more predictable for DCWP and respondents to DCWP’s investigations.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to various sections in Subchapter A, including but not limited to, 7-101 and 7-109.
- Objective: To make updates to defined terms and clarify procedures for OLPS investigations.
- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(e) and (f).
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Chapters 8 through 15 of the Admin. Code; Chapter 7 of Title 6 of the Rules of the City of New York.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Covered employers and hiring parties and covered employees and independent contractors working in New York City.
- Approximate schedule: June – August 2025

2. Subchapter B, Earned Safe and Sick Time

a. Rule 7-201, Definitions; Rule 7-204 Minimum Increments and Fixed Intervals for the Use of Safe/Sick Time; Rule 7-205 Employee Notification of Use of Safe/Sick Time; Rule 7-206 Documentation of Authorized Use of Safe/Sick Time; Rule 7-207 Notice of Safe/Sick Time Accruals and Use on Pay Statement; Rule 7-208 Rate of Pay for Safe Time and Sick Time; Rule 7-209 Payment of Safe/Sick Time; Rule 7-211 Employer's Written Safe Time and Sick Time Policies; Rule 7-212 Employer Records; Rule 7-213 Enforcement and Penalties; Rule 7-214 Accrual, Hours Worked and Carry Over; Rule 7-215 Employee Abuse of Safe Time and Sick Time.

- Subject: Updates to DCWP’s Earned Safe and Sick Time Act rules.
- Reason for amendment: To incorporate amendments to Section 196-b of the New York State Labor Law regarding paid prenatal personal leave.
- Anticipated content: Amendments to rule 7-201, 7-204 to 7-209, 7-211 to 7-215, and a new section 7-216.
- Objective: To integrate new paid prenatal leave requirements into the current

compliance framework for accrued safe/sick time.

- Legal basis: City Charter Sections 1043, 2203(f), and 2203(h)(1) and Chapter 8 of Title 20 of the New York City Administrative Code.
- Relevant federal, state, and local laws and rules: Section 196-b of the New York State Labor Law.
- Types of individuals and entities likely to be affected: Covered employers and eligible workers in the City of New York.
- Approximate Schedule: May –June 2025