

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rule

What are we proposing? The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to repeal rules related to the electrical code that are now addressed in Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code or are obsolete.

When and where is the hearing? DOB will not hold a public hearing on the proposed rule on the grounds that a hearing would serve no public purpose.

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.
- **Mail.** You can mail comments to the New York City Department of Buildings, Office of the General Counsel, 280 Broadway, 7th floor, New York, NY 10007.

Is there a deadline to submit comments? Yes, you must submit comments by 10/5/25.

Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules? You can review the comments made online on the proposed rule by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>.

What authorizes DOB to make this rule? Sections 643 and 1043(a) of the City Charter and Local Law 128 of 2024 authorize DOB to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was included in DOB's regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year.

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, changing or repealing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043(b) of the City Charter.

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule

Local Law 128 of 2024 repealed Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the New York City Administrative Code (the Electrical Code) and moved the provisions from Title 27 to Title 28 of the Administrative Code, effective December 21, 2025. The purpose of the proposed rule is to repeal rules that are now addressed in Title 28 of the Administrative Code or are obsolete. The rules being repealed, and the reasoning for each such repeal, are as follows:

- Electrical Code Rules Definitions (1 RCNY § 34-04)
 - The rule refers to the previous location of the Electrical Code in Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Administrative Code, which has been repealed, and contains a

reference to the National Electrical Code that is now in § 28-1101.1 of the Administrative Code.

- Payment of Fees for Certificates of Electrical Inspection (1 RCNY § 35-02)
 - The rule refers to § 27-3018 of the Administrative Code, which has been repealed. The permit fees are currently addressed in 1 RCNY § 101-03 and § 28-112.2 of the Administrative Code.
- Evaluation of Educational Experience of Applicants for Electrical Contractor Licenses (1 RCNY § 36-01)
 - These requirements are now set forth in § 28-429.3.1 of the Administrative Code.
- Impact of Periods of Unemployment upon Applications for Electrician’s License (1 RCNY § 36-02)
 - These requirements are now set forth in § 28-429.3.1 of the Administrative Code.

The Department of Buildings’ authority for this proposed rule is found in sections 643 and 1043 of the New York City Charter and Local Law 128 of 2024.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

Asterisks (***) indicate unamended text.

“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.

Section 1. Section 34-04 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to definitions of the electrical code rules, is REPEALED.

§ 2. Section 35-02 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to payment of fees for certificates of electrical inspection, is REPEALED.

§ 3. Section 36-01 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to evaluation of educational experience of applicants for electrical contractor licenses, is REPEALED.

§ 4. Section 36-02 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to impact of periods of unemployment upon applications for electrician’s license, is REPEALED.

§ 5. This rule takes effect on December 21, 2025.

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

RULE TITLE: Repeal of Rules Relating to the Electrical Code

REFERENCE NUMBER: DOB-203

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.

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August 27, 2025
Date

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
CHARTER §1043(d)

RULE TITLE: Repeal of Rules Relating to the Electrical Code

REFERENCE NUMBER: 2025 RG 076

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.

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Date: August 28, 2025