

New York City Department of Sanitation
Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

What are we proposing? The Department of Sanitation (DSNY or the Department) is proposing to amend its rules regarding its program for the collection of commercial waste to include the implementation schedule for the Queens West and Lower Manhattan Commercial Waste Zones (CWZ).

When and where is the hearing? DSNY will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place via Microsoft Teams at 10:00AM on Thursday, November 13, 2025 using the following link:

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

- **Website.** You can submit comments to the DSNY through the NYC rules Web site at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email written comments to nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov.
- **Mail.** You can mail written comments to DSNY, 125 Worth Street, Room 710, New York, NY 10013.
- **By 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 emailing abadea@dsny.nyc.gov by Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. While you will be

given the opportunity during the hearing to indicate that you would like to provide comments, we prefer that you sign up in advance. You can speak for up to three minutes. Please note that the hearing is for accepting oral testimony only and is not held in a “Question and Answer” format.

Is there a deadline to submit comments? The deadline for submitting written comments is Thursday, November 13, 2025.

What if I need assistance to participate in the hearing? You must tell the Bureau of Legal Affairs 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 email at eluna@dsny.nyc.gov or by mail at the address given above. You may also tell us or by telephone at 646-885-4996. Advance notice is requested to allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation. Please tell us by Thursday, November 6, 2025.

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 125 Worth Street, Room 710, New York, NY 10013 and on DSNY’s website.

What authorizes DSNY to make this rule? Section 753 and Section 1043(g) of the New York City Charter and Title 16-B of the New York City Administrative Code authorize DSNY to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was included in DSNY’s regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year.

Where can I find the DSNY’s rules? DSNY’s rules are in Title 16 of the Rules of the City of New York.

What laws govern the rulemaking process? DSNY must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043.

Statement of Basis and Purpose of Proposed Rule

In 2019, New York City enacted Local Law 199 requiring the establishment of a new program for the collection of commercial waste. The program, known as the Commercial Waste Zones (CWZ) program, is a safe, efficient, and competitive collection system designed to provide high-quality service to New York City businesses while advancing the City's waste diversion and sustainability goals. Pursuant to Local Law 199, codified in Title 16-B of the New York City Administrative Code, the geographic area of New York City has been divided into 20 CWZs. Pursuant to a request for proposals process, three private carters providing commercial waste collection services were selected by the Department to serve businesses within each CWZ, and five carters were selected to provide citywide containerized commercial waste collection services to businesses that use dumpsters and compactors. The selected carters are referred to as "awardees." The resulting contracts with the awardees include standards for pricing, customer service, safety, environmental health, and requirements to promote the City's commitment to recycling and sustainability.

Local Law 199 requires the Department to issue rules setting forth an implementation start date and a final implementation date for each CWZ established. See Ad. Code § 16-1002(e)(3). Different implementation start and end dates may be established for different CWZs. The Department previously set the implementation start and end dates for the first five CWZs: Queens Central, Bronx East, Bronx West, Queens Northeast, and Brooklyn South. This rule sets the implementation start date and final implementation date for the next two zones: Queens West and Lower Manhattan. Subsequent rules will set the implementation dates for the remaining 13 zones.

DSNY's authority for these rules is found in Section 753 and Section 1043(g) of the New York City Charter and Title 16-B of the New York 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.

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 20-02 of Title 16 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(b) Awardees for one or more of the commercial waste zones set forth in subdivision (a) of this section and for citywide containerized service are authorized to commence service in the awarded zones on the following implementation start and final implementation dates:

Zone name	Implementation start date	Final implementation date
Queens Central	September 3, 2024	January 2, 2025
Bronx East	October 1, 2025	November 30, 2025
Bronx West	October 1, 2025	November 30, 2025
Queens Northeast	January 1, 2026	February 28, 2026
Brooklyn South	January 1, 2026	February 28, 2026
<u>Queens West</u>	<u>April 1, 2026</u>	<u>May 31, 2026</u>
<u>Lower Manhattan</u>	<u>April 1, 2026</u>	<u>May 31, 2026</u>

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

RULE TITLE: Implementation Dates for Sixth and Seventh Commercial Waste Zones

REFERENCE NUMBER: DSNY-51

RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Sanitation

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

September 29, 2025
Date

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

RULE TITLE: Implementation Dates for Sixth and Seventh Commercial Waste Zones

REFERENCE NUMBER: 2025 RG 085

RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Sanitation

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: September 29, 2025