

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 rule regarding the entities who may perform inspections of gas piping systems.

When and where is the hearing? DOB will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule online. The public hearing will take place at 11am on 4/21/26.

- Join through Internet – Desktop app:

To join the hearing via your browser either click on the following URL link or copy and paste it into your browser's address bar. Then follow the prompts to either continue using the browser or download/open the Teams desktop app.

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/e965942a-9f50-4cf6-bba9-7f364c1c1627@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef>

Enter your name when prompted and click the **“Join now”** button. If you don't have computer audio or prefer to phone in for audio, select **“Phone audio”** under **“Other join options”** then click the **“Join now”** button. You will first be placed in a waiting status in the virtual lobby, then be admitted when the hearing begins. If you are using phone audio then follow the dial-in instructions when prompted.

If you have low bandwidth or inconsistent Internet connection, we suggest you use the Phone audio option for the hearing. This will reduce the possibility of dropped audio and stutters.

- Join through Internet - Smartphone app:

To join using the Microsoft Teams app on your smartphone, click on the following URL link from your phone to automatically open the Teams app. Note that the Microsoft Teams app must already be installed on your smartphone. It is available for free both in the Apple Store and Google Play.

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When prompted select “Join meeting”. Type your name and then select “Join meeting” again. You will first be placed in a waiting status in the virtual lobby, then be admitted when the hearing begins.

PLEASE NOTE: The above links are used to register for the hearing. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email that will include a link to join the hearing. If you should run into technical difficulties when using the above links to register or you do not receive the registration confirmation email with your link to join the hearing, please use one of the following alternative methods to join the hearing. You should receive the confirmation email within a short time of registering. Please check your junk email folder too if you do not see the email in your inbox. Best practice is to register for the hearing prior to the actual hearing date.

Alternatively, open the Teams app and select “Join a meeting”. Signing in with an account is not required. Type your name, the following Meeting ID and Passcode, then select “Join meeting”.

Meeting ID: 229 093 536 093 62

Passcode: u4ND34a8 (Code is case sensitive)

- Join via phone only:

To join the meeting only by phone, use the following information to connect:

Phone: 646-893-7101

Phone Conference ID: 177 461 380#

You will first be placed in a waiting status in the virtual lobby, then be admitted when the hearing begins.

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.
- **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 by emailing dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov by 4/14/26 and including your name and affiliation. 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? Yes, you must submit comments by 4/21/26.

What if I 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 can tell us by email at dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov. Advance notice is requested to allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation. You must tell us by 4/7/26.

This location has the following accessibility option(s) available: Simultaneous transcription for people who are hearing impaired, and audio only access for those who are visually impaired.

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/>. 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 and may be requested by email at dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov.

What authorizes DOB to make this rule? Sections 643 and 1043(a) of the City Charter, and article 318 of chapter 3 of Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code, authorize DOB to make this proposed rule. The rule was not included in the 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 of Proposed Rule

Under Local Law 152 of 2016, codified in article 318 of chapter 3 of Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code, gas piping systems must be inspected periodically, and certificates of inspection must be submitted to the owner and DOB in accordance with section 103-10 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York. Under Local Law 142 of 2025 ("LL 142"), the qualifications for an inspection agency conducting a gas piping system inspection were modified. LL 142 now requires an individual under the direct and continuing supervision of a licensed master plumber to be holding a journeyman plumber registration issued in accordance with article 409 of chapter 4 of Title 28.

The Department of Buildings (DOB) proposes to amend section 103-10 of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York to address the new requirement that an individual working under the direct and continuing supervision of a licensed master plumber have a journeyman plumber registration.

The DOB proposes also to amend section 101-14 of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York to fix a reference in that section regarding section 28-105.4 of the New York City Administrative Code, which presently contains more than five items.

DOB's authority for these rules is found in sections 643 and 1043(a) of the City Charter, and article 318 of chapter 3 of Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code.

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. Subdivision (d) of section 101-14 of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(d) Categories of work that may be exempt from permit requirements. In addition to the categories of work exempted from the permit requirements of Section 28-105.1 pursuant to 28-105.4, [items 1 through 5,] the following categories of work may be considered minor alterations or ordinary repairs that may be exempt from permit requirements. The tables below list the types of minor alterations and ordinary repairs that are exempt from permit requirements and those that require a permit. The categories shown in Tables 1 - 3 below are not an exclusive list of all types of minor alterations or ordinary repairs that may be exempt from permit requirements.

§ 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of section 103-10 of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Individuals, working under the direct and continuing supervision of a licensed master plumber, [with at least five (5) years of full-time experience working under the direct and continuing supervision of a licensed master plumber] holding a journeyman plumber registration issued in accordance with article 409 of chapter 4 of title 28 of the Administrative Code and who [has] have successfully completed a training program acceptable to the Department. Such training program must be no less than seven (7) classroom hours and must include the following course content:

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

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Rules Regarding Gas Piping Inspection Entities

REFERENCE NUMBER: DOB-213

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
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March 11, 2026
Date

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

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Rules Regarding Gas Piping Inspection Entities

REFERENCE NUMBER: 2026 RG 017

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
Senior Counsel

Date: March 11, 2026