

New York City Department of Finance

Notice of Adoption of Final Rule

Pursuant to the authority vested in the New York City Department of Finance (“DOF”) by New York City Charter §§ 1043(a) and 1504, New York City Administrative Code § 19-203 and Vehicle and Traffic Law § 237, DOF hereby adopts rules to authorize State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University Police Officers to issue parking violations in New York City. Additionally, DOF is amending its rules referring to the Department of Small Business Services, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities to reflect agency name changes.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

The New York City Department of Finance (“DOF”) is adopting the following rule change pursuant to the powers set forth in New York City Charter §§ 1043(a) and 1504, as well as Vehicle and Traffic Law § 237(3) and New York City Administrative Code § 19-203(c). A proposed version of these rules was published in the City Record on March 6, 2026. See City Record at 877-78 (Mar. 6, 2026). DOF held a hearing for public comment on April 7, 2026. DOF received written and oral comments. DOF is grateful for the contributions of those who submitted comments.

State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University is a major medical provider serving East Flatbush in Brooklyn, as well as a college of medicine, nursing and other health related curriculum. The university medical center has an active emergency room, and vehicles parked in violation of parking regulations impede the flow of traffic around the hospital, blocking ambulance entrances and numerous driveways and preventing Access-a-Ride vans and buses from unloading patients in a safe manner. This rule amendment grants State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University Police Officers the authority to issue parking violations to these vehicles. This rule amendment enhances public safety and access in and around the State University of New York Downstate Health Services University by giving these Police Officers the authority to issue parking violations.

Various commenters, including law enforcement personnel, hospital employees, and physicians, expressed enthusiasm regarding this rule amendment, citing public health risks that it would resolve. Some comments were outside the scope of this rulemaking. Several commenters expressed concern over perceived corruption; others encouraged the City to expand hospital employee parking availability. One commenter expressed that the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel should also issue summonses. However, this comment is also outside the scope of this rulemaking, because DOT personnel are already authorized to issue summonses.

On November 15, 2017, Title 14 of the Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, Parts 630 and 671, were amended to reflect the change in name of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (“OMRDD”) to the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities. OMRDD currently has authority to issue parking violations in New York City as reflected in paragraph (2) of the definition of “Notice of

violation (summons)” of Section 39-01 of Title 19 of the Rules of the City of New York (“RCNY”), which governs the operations of DOF’s Parking Violations Bureau.

This final rule amends the definition of “Notice of violation (summons)” contained in 19 RCNY § 39-01 by adding State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University Police Officers as authorized issuing agents who may issue notices of violation (summons) in the City of New York and revising the name of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to the New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. This rule also updates the names of the Department of Small Business Services and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Matter underlined is new. Matter in brackets [] is to be deleted.

“Will” 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.

Amendment to Rule Relating to Parking Violations

§1. Paragraph (2) of the definition of “Notice of violation (summons)” of Section 39-01 of Chapter 39 of Title 19 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(2) For purposes of this definition, authorized issuing agents shall be members of the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Transportation, Traffic Enforcement Agents, Department of Sanitation, the Sheriff, Under Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs of the Department of Finance's Office of the City Sheriff, Fraud and Associate Fraud Investigators of the Department of Finance, Department of Small Business Services, Business Integrity Commission, New York City Housing Authority Police, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police, Police of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and its subsidiary authorities, United States Park Police, Department of Buildings Special Patrolmen, State Regional Park Police, Taxi and Limousine Commission, Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Correction, Roosevelt Island Security Organization, Sea Gate Association Police, Snug Harbor Rangers with peace officer status, officers of the Co-op City Department of Public Safety, Amtrak Police Officers, Office of Court Administration Court Officers, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Police Officers, Health and Hospitals Corporation Police Officers, New York State Office of Mental Health Safety Officers, New York State Office [of Mental Retardation and] for People with Developmental Disabilities Police Officers, Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Police Officers, State University Maritime College Public Safety Officers, Department of Environmental Protection Police Officers, and managers of the New York City Transit Authority, [and] Officers of the Federal Protective Service of the United States Department of Homeland Security, and State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University Police Officers.

