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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION
PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND RULES TO
INCLUDE THE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE
FOR THE BROOKLYN NORTH AND UPPER MANHATTAN
COMMERCIAL WASTE ZONES

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May 8, 2026
10:04 a.m.

Remotely via
Microsoft Teams

Julia M. Speros
Court Reporter

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PROCEEDINGS

MS. BADEA: Good morning and welcome. My name is Anissa Badea and I'm counsel for the Department of Sanitation. Thank you for attending this public hearing this morning.

DSNY is conducting this remote hearing in accordance with the requirements of the City Administrative Procedure Act. The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from the public on DSNY's proposed rule relating to the implementation of the Commercial Waste Zone Program and frequent waste generators.

The rule was published by DSNY in The City Record on April 7, 2026, with a scheduled hearing date of today, May 8, 2026. Additionally, DSNY emailed copies of the rule to all New York City elected-officials, the City's 59 community boards, media, and interested parties, and published the proposed rule on its website.

In 2019, New York City enacted Local

1 Law 199 requiring the establishment of a
2 new program for the collection of
3 commercial waste. The program, known as
4 the Commercial Waste Zone Program, is a
5 safe, efficient, and competitive
6 collection system designed to provide
7 high-quality services to New York City
8 businesses, while advancing the City's
9 waste diversion and sustainability
10 goals.

11 Pursuant to Local Law 199, codified
12 in Title 16-B of the New York City
13 Administrative Code, the geographic area
14 of New York City has been divided into
15 20 CWZs. Pursuant to a request for
16 proposal process, three private
17 corridors providing commercial waste
18 collection services were selected by the
19 Department to serve businesses within
20 each CWZ and five carters were selected
21 to provide City-wide containerized
22 commercial waste collection services to
23 businesses that use dumpsters and
24 compactors. The selected carters are
25 referred to as awardees.

1 The resulting contract with awardees
2 includes standards for pricing, customer
3 service, safety, environmental health,
4 and requirements to promote the City's
5 commitment to recycling and
6 sustainability.

7 Local Law 199 requires the
8 Department to issue rules setting forth
9 an implementation start date and final
10 implementation date for each CWZ
11 established. Different implementation
12 start and end dates may be established
13 for different CWZs.

14 The Department previously set the
15 implementation start and end dates for
16 the first eight CWZs; Queens Central,
17 Bronx East, Bronx West, Queens
18 Northeast, Brooklyn South, Lower
19 Manhattan, Midtown South, and Staten
20 Island.

21 This rule sets the implementation
22 start date and final implementation date
23 for the next two zones; Brooklyn North
24 and Upper Manhattan. Subsequent rules
25 will set the implementation dates for

1 the remaining 10 zones.

2 DSNY's authority for this rule is
3 found in Section 753 and Section 1043(g)
4 of the New York City Charter and Title
5 16-B of the New York City Administrative
6 Code.

7 A court reporter is present here
8 today and will record the hearing. You
9 may present an oral statement or submit
10 written comments concerning the proposed
11 rule.

12 We have been accepting written
13 comments on the proposed rule since it
14 was published. Today is the deadline
15 for submission of written comments.

16 Such comments may be emailed
17 directly to nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov by
18 today. DSNY will make available all
19 copies of the written comments received
20 through today, together with a hearing
21 transcript, for viewing on its website
22 within the next few weeks. DSNY will
23 carefully consider all oral and written
24 comments it receives.

25 I will begin calling those of you

1 that wish to speak this morning in the
2 order in which you have signed up to
3 testify today. While the notice asks
4 persons wishing to testify to sign-up in
5 advance of the hearing, anyone wishing
6 to testify may sign-up by indicating in
7 the chat area your name and affiliation,
8 if any.

9 When you speak, please state your
10 name, affiliation, and speak slowly and
11 clearly so the court reporter can
12 understand and accurately record your
13 statement. We also ask you to limit
14 your statement to three minutes.

15 So, at this time, if you would like
16 to provide an oral public comment, you
17 can leave your name and affiliation in
18 the chat area and I will call you.

19 (No response.)

20 MS. BADEA: We're going to keep this
21 hearing open in case anyone would like
22 to provide a public comment.

23 So, we'll just -- we'll wait a
24 moment in case anyone would like to
25 comment.

1 (No response.)

2 MS. BADEA: Thank you, Justin.

3 Noted.

4 (Record remained open.)

5 MS. BADEA: For those of you that
6 just joined, if you would like to
7 provide an oral public comment, you can
8 write your name and affiliation into the
9 chat and I'll call on you.

10 (No response.)

11 (Record remained open.)

12 MS. BADEA: Seeing that no one
13 wishes to testify, I wanted to thank
14 everyone for coming today.

15 Comments can still be submitted in
16 writing to the Department via email at
17 nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov. You can also
18 post any comments on the NYC Rules
19 website.

20 Thanks, everyone.

21 (Time noted: 10:15 a.m.)

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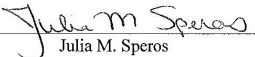
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I, Julia M. Speros, a Notary Public
within and for the State of New York, do hereby
certify:

I reported the proceedings in the
within-entitled matter, and that the within
transcript is a true record of such proceedings
to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not
related to any of the parties to this action by
blood or marriage; and that I am in no way
interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 8th day of May, 2026.


Julia M. Speros

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