

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/“the Department”) is proposing to amend its rules regarding fees for electrical permits and licensing and for compensation of registered design professionals.

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 9/23/26.

- **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/84e34672-792e-48e9-9f66-34ef720e199f@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

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: 341 340 589 137 34

Passcode: a8qH3Lp3 (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: 501 429 565#

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.
- **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 by emailing dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov by 9/16/26 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 9/23/26.

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 9/9/26.

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? Local Law 128 of 2024, Sections 643 and 1043(a) of the City Charter, and Section 28-112.1 and Article 401 of Chapter 4 of Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code authorize DOB to make this proposed rule. The rule was included in the 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 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

The Department of Buildings is proposing to amend section 101-03 of subchapter A of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York to amend fees regarding electrical permits and licensing.

The electrical permit fees are being amended to reflect changes made by Local Law 128 of 2024, which repealed Chapter 3 of Title 27 of the Administrative Code (the previous Electrical Code) including the \$5,000 fee cap. Local Law 128 also added Chapter 11 of Title 28 of the Administrative Code (the current Electrical Code). The \$40 permit fee is being combined with the parts fees to clarify that they are to be added together to determine the minimum payment. The duplicate copy fee is being deleted because it is covered by the existing copy fees.

Due to the added volume of license background investigations performed, processing time has increased significantly. To cover the cost of additional staff to improve service levels, fees for licensing background investigations are being increased from \$500 to \$550 for class 1 backgrounds and from \$330 to \$430 for class 2s. A renewal background fee of \$130 is also being added.

The Department is also proposing to amend section 102-02 of subchapter B of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York regarding compensation of registered design professionals (RDPs). The reimbursement has not been increased since the promulgation of the 2008 construction codes. Outside RDPs (surveyors) need to use their own vehicles to perform surveys in accordance with the requirements of section 28-216.6. Gas and wear and tear costs have increased and professional compensation for RDPs has increased since 2008. Therefore, the Department needs to increase the compensation paid to these RDPs from \$100 to \$150 to keep some pay parity with the industry in order to have RDPs on our vendor panel.

DOB’s authority for these rules is found in Local Law 128 of 2024, sections 643 and 1043(a) of the City Charter, and sections 28-112.1, 28-112.2, 28-216.6, and article 401 of Chapter 4 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. The electrical and licensing fees set forth in section 101-03 of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York are amended to read as follows:

[Electrical permit initial application (excluding minor work).]	[\$40]
Electrical permit <u>initial application</u> (excluding minor work). Each outlet, each fixture, each horsepower or fraction thereof of a motor or generator, each kilowatt or fraction thereof of a heater, each horsepower or fraction thereof of an air conditioner, each kilovolt-ampere or fraction thereof of a transformer installed, altered or repaired shall be	<u>\$40</u> Fee per unit (NOTE: The total additional fee is computed by calculating the sum of the units. [The total additional fee, due prior to electrical sign-off or as otherwise provided by the department’s rules, shall not exceed five thousand dollars:)] <u>Fifty percent of the total fee for the electrical permit, which includes the initial filing fee and the parts fees, but not less than \$130, must be paid at the time of filing and the remainder of the total fee must be paid before any Department inspection.</u>

assigned the value of one unit:	
1 - 10 units	\$0
Over 10 units	\$.25
• For each service switch installed, altered or repaired:	
0-100 Amperes	\$ 8.00
101- 200 Amperes	\$30.00
201- 600 Amperes	\$105.00
601- 1200 Amperes	\$225.00
Over 1200 Amperes	\$375.00
• For each set of service entrance cables and for each set of feeder conductors installed, altered or repaired:	
Up to #2 conductors	\$15.00
Over #2 to #1/0 conductors	\$30.00
Over #1/0 to 250 MCM	\$45.00
Over 250 MCM	\$75.00
• For each panel installed, altered or repaired:	
1 phase up to 20-1 or 10-2 pole cutouts or breakers	\$15.00
	\$37.50

1 phase over 20-1 or 10-2 pole cutouts or breakers	\$50.00
3 Phase up to 225 amperes	\$75.00
3 Phase over 225 amperes	\$40.00
- For each sign manufactured (in-shop inspections). - For each sign manufactured (on-site inspections):	
0 to 30 square feet	\$65.00
31 to 60 square feet	\$90.00
Over 60 square feet	\$115.00
For each elevator:	
10 floors or less	\$125.00
Every additional ten or fewer floors	\$83.00
For wiring or rewiring boiler controls in buildings.	\$12.00
Electrical permit (minor work [pursuant to Section 27-3018(h) of the Administrative Code]).	\$15
[Duplicate copy of notice of electrical violation.]	[\$5]

Licensing:	
• Written examination	\$585
• Practical examination	\$530
• Background investigation class 1 (includes experience)	\$[500] <u>550</u>
• Background investigation class 2 (does not include experience)	\$[330] <u>430</u>
• <u>Background investigation for renewal of class 1 and class 2</u>	<u>\$130</u>

§2. Section 102-02 of chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 102-02 Compensation of Registered Design Professionals in Accordance With § 28-216.6 of the Administrative Code.

In accordance with the provisions of Administrative Code § 28-216.6, registered design professionals appointed by a recognized professional organization to act on any survey or appointed to resolve disagreement between surveyors shall each be paid the sum of one hundred fifty dollars.

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

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Rules Regarding Fees for Electrical Permits and Licensing and Compensation of registered Design Professionals

REFERENCE NUMBER: DOB-219

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
Mayor's Office of Operations

August 13, 2026
Date

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

RULE TITLE: Amendment of Rules Regarding Fees for Electrical Permits and Licensing and Compensation of registered Design Professionals

REFERENCE NUMBER: 2026 051

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: August 13, 2026