NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Public Hearing on Proposal to Amend Article 203 and Article 205 of the New York City Health Code.

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Transcript of proceedings

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CHARI ANHOUSE: Good morning. Let's start. It is Monday. Sorry, it's Wednesday, July 2nd, 2026. It is 10:02 a.m. This public hearing is now called to order. I am Chari Anhause, Associate General Counsel of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Today here with me is Gretchen Van Wye, Registrar in the Office of Vital Records, as well as Chief Epidemiologist and Assistant Commissioner in the Centre for Health Statistics. Also with us is Svetlana Burdeynik, an Assistant to the Secretary of Board of Health, and Joseph Russo, paralegal in the General Counsel's office.

The purpose of today's hearing is to elicit comments to assist the Board of Health in relation to the proposal to amend Article 205, Deaths and Disposal of Human Remains, and Article 207, General Vital Statistics Provisions of the New York City Health Code. A notice of intention to amend these rules was published in the city record on Friday, May 29, 2026. A copy of the first pages of the notices of intention will be provided to the stenographer to include in the record. Persons wishing to speak at this hearing were asked to pre-register, and they will have three minutes to speak if they want. We have no one registered to speak today. Does anyone present wish to

speak? If so, please raise your hand or indicate in the chat. Okay, we have nobody here aside from s - Health Department personnel. So, since no one is joining us wishing to speak, the hearing is adjourned to 10:58 am or until someone who wants to speak joins the meeting, in which case we will reconvene. This meeting is - - is adjourned till 10:58 am. Thank you.

CHARI ANHOUSE: We are back on the record. It is now 10:58 AM. Someone joined as an observer, but we have no one who wishes to testify. All comments must be received by 5:00 pm today. You may send them to the email or online address shown on the screen. That is ResolutionComments@health.nyc.gov or at the New York City Rules at https://rules.cityofnewyork.us/. There being no persons online or calling who wish to speak, this hearing is now concluded. Thank you.