

SERVICE NOTICE

Follow-Up #1 – [Local Law 160 of 2017: Covered Arrears](#)

Beginning March 1, 2021, as required by [Local Law 160 of 2017](#), the Department will deny New Building and Alteration-CO permits in DOB NOW if \$25,000 or more in covered arrears is owed to New York City with respect to the property for which the permit is being sought, or the owners of the property together owe \$25,000 or more in covered arrears to the City.

Covered Arrears

'Covered arrears' may include any of the following that are not currently in the appeals process: unpaid fines, civil penalties, or judgments entered by a court or OATH pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the NYC Administrative Code; and unpaid and past due fees or other charges assessed by DOB.

Owner's Attestation Requirement

Owners will be **required to answer** the following two questions in the Owner's Attestation on the Plan/Work (PW1) in DOB NOW: *Build*:

- Are \$25,000 or more in covered arrears (unpaid fines, civil penalties, or judgments entered by a court or OATH pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the NYC Administrative Code; and unpaid and past due fees or other charges assessed by DOB), that are not currently in the appeals process, owed to the City with respect to the property for which the permit is being sought?
- Do the owners of the property owe, in aggregate, \$25,000 or more in covered arrears to the City?

Owners who answer 'Yes' to one or both of the questions will not be allowed to request a permit in DOB NOW: *Build* for a New Building or Alteration-CO filing unless they certify that one of the exceptions listed in [Local Law 160 of 2017](#) applies.

DOB NOW Inquiries and Support

To submit a DOB NOW inquiry, visit the DOB NOW Help Form at www.nyc.gov/dobnowhelp.