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What's New?

New Outdoor Sign Registration Program Now In Effect



On August 25th, the [Rules of the City of New York Chapter 49 \(Rule 49\)](#) imposed certain new registration requirements for outdoor advertising companies (OACs). OACs have 60 days to apply for an OAC registration number and submit their sign inventory. Once approved, the OAC will have 90 days to display the OAC name, OAC registration number and work permit number on all signs. Any OAC that fails to register or violates the sign registration

program may be subject to fines of up to \$25,000 per day and the signs may be removed by the City. For detailed information about the OAC Sign Registration Program, view the [Sign Enforcement Unit's webpage](#).

Three Borough Offices Launch Pilot Audit Programs

On September 5th, a pilot audit program will launch in [Brooklyn](#) (34 kb-pdf), [Queens](#) (31 kb-pdf) and the [Bronx](#) (37 kb-pdf) Borough Offices that requires a review of all New Building and Alteration Type 1 (Alt 1) applications submitted under the Professional Certification Program. The initial review will work to identify potential zoning problems prior to the issuance of permits and to continue our efforts to ensure compliant development. The program has been active in Staten Island since May 15, 2006.

Industrial Rope Access Application Procedure Fact Sheet

The Department recognizes Industrial Rope Access as a safe and viable means of access for façade inspection and investigation, especially for areas which are difficult or impossible to access by other means. In the interest of public safety, the Department has issued a [Fact Sheet](#), which outlines the filing procedures and certification requirements for those who utilize Industrial Rope Access in New York City.

Additional Representatives Available to Reconsider Technical Compliance Unit (TCU) Objections

As part of our effort to make it easier to do business with us, the Manhattan Borough Office has added staff members to review Technical Compliance Unit plan objections and issue reconsiderations. If objections are found and you cannot resolve the objections with the auditor, you can now meet with additional staff members to resolve the objection. Read the [service notice](#) (31 kb-pdf) for more information.

Training & Workshops



Licensing Open House

Want to ensure that your paperwork is accepted? In an ongoing effort to make it easier for you to do business with the Licensing Unit, the Department of Buildings will hold an information session to provide a general understanding of corporate documents and insurance policies and procedures. Join our Licensing experts on September 26th to ensure your paperwork is always accepted. Reservations are required. Read the [flyer](#) (53 kb-pdf) for more information.

Buildings Around Town

Buildings Hosts Elevator Safety Seminar

The Buildings Department recently hosted an Elevator Safety Seminar to exchange ideas about elevator safety with a leading accredited inspection company from Munich, Germany. The seminar brought together representatives from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Housing Authority, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, the New York City Elevator Advisory Council and the Elevator Code Committee. View the [photos](#) from the event.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Department of Buildings has created a two-part ECB Violation Reference Guide to provide a general understanding of Environmental Control Board (ECB) Violations? Part I answers the most commonly asked questions about these violations, the ECB process and includes a list of the 25 most common ECB violations. Part II provides explanations and detailed compliance information for over 80% of the ECB violations that are issued. The Guides can be found in the [Reference Materials](#) section of our website.

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