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OATH'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD (ECB) LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE MAKING IT EASIER TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT VIOLATIONS ISSUED TO NEW YORKERS

The New ECB Website is User-Friendly and for the First Time Makes it Possible to Search for Information About Quality of Life Violations Issued by the Sanitation Department, Buildings Department, Fire Department, Department of Environmental Protection, and other Enforcement Agencies.

On August 13, 2012 the Environmental Control Board (ECB) launched its <u>new</u> <u>website</u> with an important new search function, called the ECB Ticket Finder. The ticket finder will allow you to search for a ticket, see a copy of the ticket, find your hearing date and hearing results, and make payments. You can search for this information by name, address or the ticket number.

"As the City's central administrative court, OATH works to make fair and timely hearings accessible to News Yorkers. OATH understands that New Yorkers deserve an easy way to access information about violations that may have been issued to them, their businesses or their property" said OATH's Commissioner and Chief Judge, Suzanne Beddoe.

ECB has focused its most recent efforts on modernizing the tribunal and has used technology and other innovations to make ECB a more user-friendly court. In 2010, ECB launched online appeals; in 2011, it launched hearings online and hearings by phone and this year, ECB made it possible to submit requests for new hearings using a simple online form. The redesigned website and ECB Ticket Finder are ECB's latest efforts to make the administrative hearing process easier to navigate and understand.

ECB is a division of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH). OATH is the largest municipal administrative court in the United States. The Environmental Control Board is the largest division of OATH; ECB conducts hearings on Notices of Violation issued by 13 different City enforcement agencies. ECB receives approximately 700,000 Notices of Violation for hearings from these agencies, each year.

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