

# BIC & DSNY TOWN HALL

## ENFORCEMENT & COMMERCIAL WASTE ZONES

March 18, 2026



# AGENDA

- **Trade Waste vs. Commercial Waste**
- **CWZ Map and Implementation Update**
- **Enforcement Authority and Overview**
- **FAQs**
- **OATH Hearings & ECB**
- **Issuance of Violations and Penalties**
- **Vehicle Inspection Forms**
- **Safety Rules in Effect as of January 1, 2026**
- **Q & A**

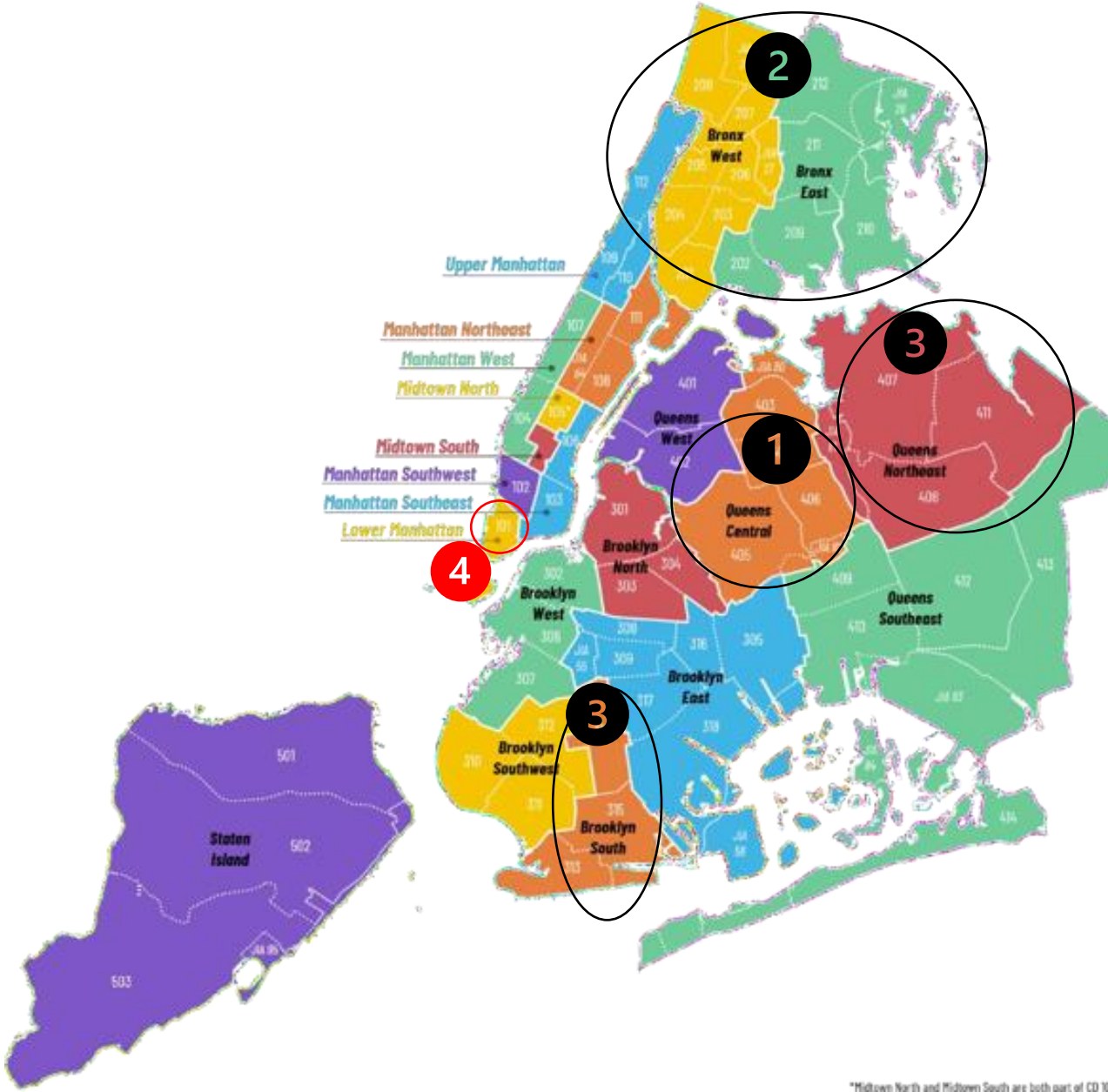
# NOT ALL 'TRADE WASTE' IS 'COMMERCIAL WASTE'

## **CWZ Exceptions:**

- **Construction and demolition debris**
- **Fill material**
- **Medical waste**
- **Electronic waste**
- **Textiles**
- **Yard waste collected by landscapers**
- **Grease**
- **Paper that is collected for the purpose of shredding or destruction**
- **Waste that is collected by a micro-hauler**
- **Waste collected by a one-time, on-call bulk waste removal service**

**NOTE:** Commercial Waste Zones rules do not apply to businesses receiving DSNY collection service, which may include nonprofits and professional offices that have been approved for DSNY's ProFee program.

# CWZ MAP



\*Midtown North and Midtown South are both part of CD 10

# CWZ Implementation Timeline

Check **DSNY's website** to stay up-to-date with timeline and roll-out news

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/businesses/commercial-waste-zones.page>

DSNY holds public hearings as part of the NYC rules process for all new proposed zone implementation dates. Check **NYC rules website** for upcoming hearings:

<https://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>

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## Zones Currently Live:

- Queens Central
- Bronx East
- Bronx West
- Queens Northeast
- Brooklyn South

## Next Phase:

**April 1, 2026** – Implementation starts for Lower Manhattan zone

## Following Phase:

**July 1, 2026** – proposed implementation start of Staten Island and Midtown South zones

# ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

## NYC Admin. Code Title 16-B § 16-1018 Enforcement.

“Notices of violation for violations of any provision of this chapter or any rule promulgated hereunder may be issued by the department [DSNY] or the business integrity commission. In addition, such notices of violation may be issued by any other agency of the city as designated by the commissioner.”

# BIC & DSNY



Carters must re-apply to BIC for renewal of trade waste license every 2 years

BIC issues trade waste conveyance plates for new trucks

Authority per the Admin. Code to issue violations of CWZ rules

Can require carter to retain a monitor to resolve compliance concerns

DSNY awards contracts to CWZ awardees and approves any designated carters (subcontractors) to awardees

Hold awardees accountable to terms of their CWZ contract

# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



## VIOLATIONS

- Commercial waste trucks may be stopped by **officers from BIC or DSNY** during operation
- Notices of Violation/Summonses may be issued by the relevant agency for infractions of rules observed by officers
- Awardees (carters) are responsible for ensuring that their employees, and employees of any designated carters, comply with all CWZ rules
- Vehicle Traffic Law (VTL) violations or Criminal (C) Summonses may be issued to drivers for certain offenses



## INSPECTIONS

- Qualified officers from BIC or DSNY may conduct DOT Federal Motor Carrier Inspection Administration (FMCSA) inspections on trucks
- Trucks or drivers may be put out of service through these inspections until certain safety conditions are remedied



# General FAQ

**BIC license still required once CWZ is fully implemented?**

- Yes

**Do BIC rules still apply once CWZ is fully implemented?**

- Review the full rules to see specific sections impacted by CWZ.

**BIC and DSNY both have the authority to issue violations to CWZ rules?**

- Yes

**Can BIC and DSNY both issue a violation for the same instance?**

- No

**How will BIC and DSNY make sure two violations are not issued for the same instance?**

- Our teams will continue to coordinate with each other. Reach out to us if you think there is an error so the issue can be resolved.



# **BIC CWZ Violations FAQ**

**Will violations of CWZ rules issued by BIC appear in the BIC Online Portal like other BIC violations?**

- No

**Are violations of CWZ rules issued by BIC eligible for BIC early settlement program?**

- No

**Once all CWZ zones are implemented, will all violations to carters that are awardees be CWZ violations returnable to ECB?**

- No. Violations of BIC rules that are not impacted by CWZ will still fall under the BIC OATH Hearings process.

**Can BIC licensees or registrants that are not CWZ awardees or designated carters receive violations related to CWZ rules?**

- Generally no, with the exception of unauthorized conduct within a commercial waste zone or interference with commercial waste zone agreements. See NYC Admin. Code sections 16-1003 and 16-1004.



# SHOULD I REFER COMPLAINTS TO BIC OR DSNY?

**For complaints/inquiries related to CWZ implementation, roll-out, and requirements:**

- Send to DSNY

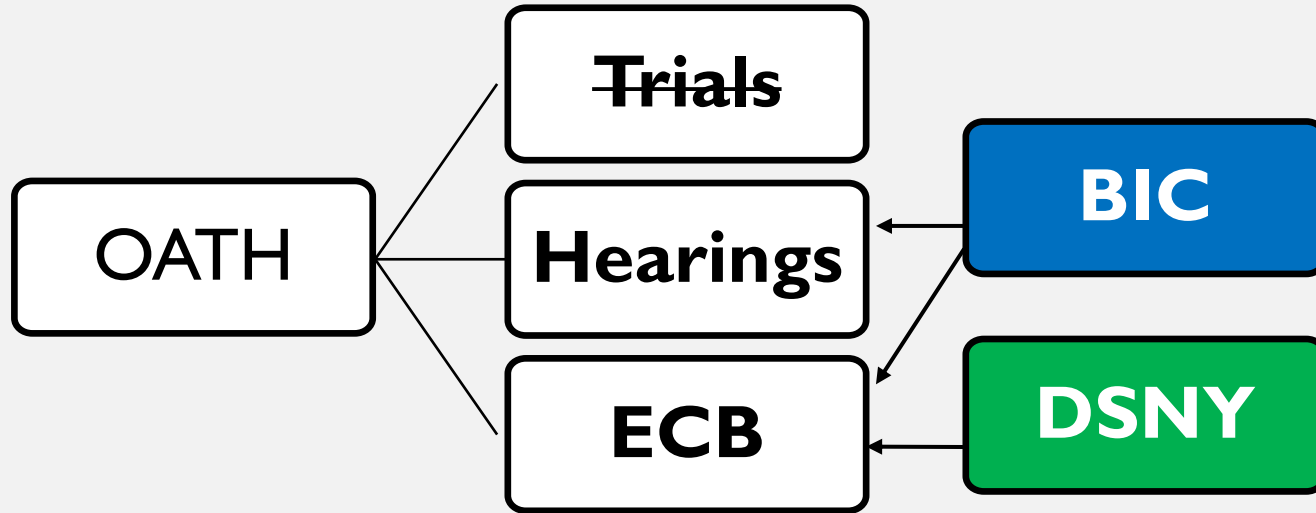
**For complaints related to customer compliance with commercial waste and recycling rules:**

- Send to DSNY

**What if I send a complaint to the wrong agency?**

- For non-CWZ complaints, continue to send to BIC, if CWZ-related send to DSNY.
- Please try and avoid sending duplicative communications separately to both agencies so we can avoid confusion and resolve issues as efficiently as possible.
  - Submit **Complaints Online to BIC**: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/bic/complaints/complaint-form.page>
  - Submit **Complaints Online to DSNY**: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/forms/commercial-waste>

# OATH VENUE for VIOLATIONS



## HEARINGS:

- BIC violations issued before zone implementation
- BIC rules not impacted by CWZ

## ECB:

- CWZ Rules

## SERVICE OF CWZ SUMMONSES BY E-MAIL:



- Carters can authorize service of summonses via e-mail
- Allows for a more streamlined and digital process

# CWZ VIOLATION PENALTIES

Violations of these rules are subject to a civil penalty of **\$2,500** for the first violation, and, for subsequent violations that occur within a two-year period of any previous violation, **\$5,000** for the second violation and **\$10,000** for any subsequent violation.

I6 RCNY 20-31 Recycling Requirements for Awardees	I6 RCNY 20-44 Vehicle Maintenance and Condition.
I6 RCNY 20-32 Collection of Organic Waste That Has Been Source-Separated	I6 RCNY 20-51 Safe Vehicle Operation
I6 RCNY 20-33 Zero Waste Plan	I6 RCNY 20-52 Vehicle Inspections
I6 RCNY 20-38 Operations	I6 RCNY 20-53 Cross-Over Mirrors; Obstructions to Windshield
I6 RCNY 20-41 Protection of Private and Public Property	I6 RCNY 20-54 Back-up Cameras (effective January 1, 2026)
I6 RCNY 20-42 Emergency Services and Response Requirements	I6 RCNY 20-55 Auxiliary Exterior Lighting (effective January 1, 2026)
I6 RCNY 20-43 Vehicle Collisions	

# DRIVER VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT FORMS

Any form is acceptable as long as it is in compliance with all elements required by the rule

## BIC Template

**DAILY DRIVER VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT**  
(for compliance with 17 RCNY §§ 5-10(f) and 7-03(f))

Licensee/Registrant Name:	Driver's Name
BIC #:	License Plate No:
VIN:	BIC Plate No:
Vehicle Type:	Date:
Vehicle Mileage:	

VEHICLE COMPONENTS CHECKED		
Item:	Present and in safe operating condition: Yes/No?	Additional Notes:
PARKING BRAKES		
STEERING MECHANISM		
TIRES, WHEELS, & RIMS		
SIDE GUARDS <small>*Note if vehicle has an approved waiver from BIC</small>		
COUPLING DEVICES		
LIGHTING DEVICE & REFLECTORS		
MIRRORS		
HORN		
WINDSHIELD WIPERS		
HAZARD & EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT		

**DRIVER SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Suggested Template* *Updated July 2023*

## DSNY Template

**DAILY DRIVER VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT**  
(Chapter 20 of the Commercial Waste Zone Rules –  
Title 16 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY) § 20-52 Vehicle Inspections)

Licensee/Registrant Name:	Driver's Name:
Zone:	Date:
VIN:	Vehicle Type:
License Plate No:	Vehicle Mileage:

VEHICLE COMPONENTS CHECKED			
Item Inspected:	Present and in safe operating condition:		Additional Notes:
	Y	N	
WINDOWS			
WINDSHIELD WIPERS			
MIRRORS			
LIGHTING DEVICES AND REFLECTORS			
STEERING MECHANISM			
BACK UP SIGNAL			
WHEELS AND RIMS			
TIRES			
SPRINGS			
SIDEGUARDS*			
SERVICE AND PARKING BRAKES			
CAB STEPS			
EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT			
HORN			
FLUID LEVEL			
COUPLING DEVICE			
BELTS AND HOSES			

\* Note if vehicle does not have an approved waiver from BIC

**DRIVER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **CWZ Safety Rules for Back-Up Cameras and Auxiliary Lighting are IN EFFECT as of January 1, 2026**

## **16 RCNY 20-54 Back-up Cameras: Effective January 1, 2026**

Every commercial waste vehicle will need a rear video system, rear object detection system, or other device to help spot people or obstacles behind the vehicle.

It's all about keeping everyone safe—your employees, other drivers, and pedestrians.

## **16 RCNY 20-55 Auxiliary Exterior Lighting: Effective January 1, 2026**

### **Rear Lighting**

Must illuminate the hopper, rear equipment, and a 6-foot work zone behind the vehicle.

Lights must be bright enough for workers to operate safely and be visible to traffic.

### **Side Lighting**

Must illuminate side-mounted equipment and a 3-foot-wide work zone along the vehicle's length.

Lights must support safe operations and visibility for your workers.

### **Usage & Maintenance**

Lights must be turned on whenever workers are outside the vehicle during low visibility (e.g., night, rain, fog, snow).

All lighting must be kept in good working order and functional whenever the vehicle is in use.

# Q&A

## BIC Contact Emails



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