

## **SERVICE UPDATE**

# Department's Gas Piping Work Civil Penalty Amnesty Program Ending

The Gas Piping Work Civil Penalty Amnesty Program established by Local Law 158 of 2016 will end Oct 5, 2017. The program was designed to encourage the repair and resolution of any gas piping work completed without a permit from April 5, 2017 to October 5, 2017.

Any associated Department civil penalties for legalization of fuel gas piping systems or a violation for work performed without a permit associated with fuel gas piping systems will be waived if:

- The work was performed or the violations were issued prior to April 5, 2017 and civil penalties have not been paid;
- Applicants obtain a permit to resolve the improper work with the Amnesty Program period (April 5, 2017 and October 5, 2017); and
- Applicants have the job signed off by the Department one year from the day the permit is issued.

Gas Piping Work Civil Penalty Amnesty jobs may only be submitted as a Limited Alteration Application (LAA) filing and be limited to the gas work only. Larger gas work jobs (non-LAA or other non-gas work) included in the violation **must** be filed separately, and are not eligible for the Gas Piping Work Civil Penalty Amnesty Program.

To take advantage of the Gas Piping Work Civil Penalty Amnesty Program, complete the LAA1 form with the following details noted in SECTION 9 Proposed Work Summary:

- 1. Gas Piping Work Amnesty Program
- 2. The type of filing, as applicable: Legalization and/or ECB Violation(s) list the associated Violation number(s)
- 3. Gas Piping Work Amnesty Description describing details of the scope of work

#### **EXAMPLE:**

### 9 Proposed Work Summary

- 1. Gas Piping Work Amnesty Program
- 2. Type of Filing: Legalization and ECB Violation - 12345678X
- Gas Piping Work Amnesty Description Legalizing gas dryer for 1 family home. Installing gas unit heater according to code.

The LAA Unit will review the application, and if approved:

- 4. The LAA Unit will waive the Department's civil penalties for the gas-related work listed on the OATH/ECB Violation.
- 5. The LAA Unit will add the Gas Piping Work Amnesty description from SECTION 9 to the **LAA Administrative Notes** field in BISWeb.

#### NOTES:

- L2 forms may not be used to request Gas Piping Work Amnesty
- LAA eFiling may not be used to request a Gas Piping Work Amnesty
- No self-certification will be permitted under the Gas Piping Work Amnesty program.
  Only final signoff inspections conducted by DOB will be accepted.
- For jobs accepted into the Gas Piping Work Amnesty Program there will be no gas-related Civil or Criminal Penalties issued during the Gas Piping Work Amnesty period.
- Where the gas work is not signed off within one (1) year from the permit issue date, Civil Penalties will be reinstated for that location and assessed on any future LAA job filings.
- Gas Piping Work Amnesty pertains to Department of Buildings Civil Penalties only, OATH fines are not included.

For more information on the Gas Piping Work Civil Penalty Amnesty Program, please contact the LAA Unit by email at LAA-Amnesty@buildings.nyc.gov.

**POST UNTIL: OCTOBER 5, 2017**