New Homeowner Relief Program for Eligible Owners of One- and Two-family Homes

Beginning August 30, 2021, the Department of Buildings will issue a Request for Corrective Action, rather than an OATH summons, for most violating conditions at one- and two- family homes where the owner is eligible to participate in the Homeowner Relief Program (HRP). Owners who receive a Request for Corrective Action will not receive an OATH summons if they correct the violating conditions within 60 days.

HRP Eligibility
- The property with the violating condition is a one- or two-family home; and
- The property owner has not received an OATH summons from DOB at that property in the past 5 years
  OR
  has received OATH summonses from DOB at that property in the past 5 years and those violations were dismissed by OATH or the property owner is a new owner and the OATH summonses issued at that property were issued to a previous owner; and
- The violating condition is not an illegal residential conversion under NYC Administrative Code 28-210.1 or a Class 1 (Immediately Hazardous) violation that led to death or serious injury.

Request for Corrective Action
If a DOB inspector observes violating conditions at a property that is eligible for HRP, DOB will mail a Request for Corrective Action to the property after the inspection. To request assistance with correcting the conditions, use the DOB Help Form at www.nyc.gov/dobhelp. Select Homeowner Relief Program and provide the complaint number found at the top of the Request for Corrective Action.

REQUEST FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION
Complaint No.: ____________________

The NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) has observed one or more unlawful conditions at your property. As an owner of a one- or two-family home who has not received violations from DOB at this property in the past five years, you qualify for DOB’s Homeowner Relief Program. Instead of receiving an OATH summons, you are receiving this Request for Corrective Action (RCA). You have 60 days to correct the condition(s) described below. If you correct the condition(s) by the date listed below and DOB verifies the correction, no further enforcement action, with respect to the condition(s), will be taken by DOB.
Correcting the Violating Condition(s)

Homeowners will have 60 days to correct the condition(s) listed in the Request for Corrective Action. If DOB verifies, upon reinspection of the property, that the violating conditions have been corrected within 60 days, DOB will take no further enforcement action with respect to those condition(s). Homeowners do not need to file a Certificate of Correction with DOB for a Request for Corrective Action.

If DOB determines, upon reinspection of the property, that the violating conditions have not been corrected within 60 days, DOB will issue an OATH summons and the owner will be subject to civil penalties. OATH summonses require a Certificate of Correction. In addition, for Class 1 violations, the owner will be required to pay a reinspection fee of $225.

Removal from HRP Eligibility

Homeowners who receive an OATH summons from DOB after failing to correct the violating condition(s) listed in the Request for Corrective Action, or after failing to provide access to a DOB inspector to conduct a reinspection to determine if the violating condition has been corrected, are no longer eligible for HRP.

To see all the OATH summonses DOB has issued to your property and the statuses of those summonses, enter the address in the Buildings Information System (BIS):
Clicking on Violations-OATH/ECB will display all the OATH summonses issued on your property.

Review the Rule creating the **Homeowner Resolution Program**, which is referred to as the *Homeowner Relief Program* in this Service Notice: **Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York Section 102-06**.