

SERVICE NOTICE

Local Law 163 of 2021: Artwork on Temporary Protective Structures

Local Law 163 of 2021, effective September 1, 2023, requires approved artwork or alternative artwork, as selected by the property owner, to be displayed on temporary protective structures (sidewalk sheds, construction fences, and supported scaffolds that have been installed for 90 days).

Beginning September 1, 2023, the Owner's Attestation on the PW1 in DOB NOW for Sidewalk Shed, Construction Fence, and Supported Scaffold work types will include the following question:

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11. Are you opting out of the requirement to install artwork on temporary protective structures (sidewalk sheds, construction fences, and supported scaffolds that have been installed for at least 90 days)?*

Yes No

Owners who do not opt out of the requirement (i.e., answer 'No' to this question) will be required to display artwork approved by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) on the temporary protective structure and upload a DCLA Approval of Artwork Required Document. Owners who do not want to opt out of the requirement but do not yet have DCLA approval of the artwork will be required to opt out. A post approval amendment will be required to change the option once DCLA approval is obtained.

City-owned properties and properties receiving capital funding may not be allowed to opt out of the requirement. Review Local Law 163 of 2021 for more information.

Read the Department of Buildings proposed rule ([1 RCNY § 3307-01](#)) addressing the requirements of Local Law 163 and setting out procedures for notification, opting out and installation of artwork on temporary protective structures after September 1, 2023.

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