

An aerial photograph of New York City, showing a dense grid of buildings and streets. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered over the middle of the image.

LOCAL LAW 190 OF 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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BACKGROUND

This annual report has been prepared pursuant to Local Law 190 of 2018, which was enacted on December 1, 2018.

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The education and outreach conducted as required by Section 28-103.32 including a description of how such outreach was conducted and the number of business owners reached through the outreach.

The Department of Buildings (“the Department”) has issued a Buildings Bulletin (see [Buildings Bulletin 2019-003](#)) to educate businesses of their obligation to make single-occupant toilet rooms available for use by persons of any sex.

The Department is preparing to conduct the education and outreach required by Section 28-103.32 of the New York City Administrative Code, which is required to begin in June 2019.

The Department is also creating additional educational materials in multiple languages, which it will distribute directly to businesses.

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BUILDINGS BULLETIN 2019-003

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Purpose: This document serves as educational material to inform individuals of a building owner's obligation to make single-occupant toilet rooms available for persons of any sex.

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The number of complaints related to sections 403.2.1 and 403.4 of the New York city plumbing code reported to 311, disaggregated by online complaints and phone complaints.

In 2018, the Department received 37 single-occupant toilet room complaints. 22 complaints were submitted online and 15 were made by phone.

The number of violations issued as a result of such complaints.

Of the 37 complaints received, only 19 were related to the single-occupant toilet room signage requirements. The remainder of the complaints were outside of the Department's jurisdiction and were primarily related to the cleanliness of toilet rooms. Of the 19 related complaints, upon inspection, the Department issued 5 violations.

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The total amount of penalties imposed as a result of such violations for the immediately preceding year.

The Department issued violations with an associated civil penalty of \$500, however, respondents have 40 days to cure such violations by submitting a Certificate of Correction to the Department, which means they would not incur a civil penalty. Curing the violation would entail installing appropriate signage.

Whether subsequent inspections were conducted by the department to ensure future compliance with such sections of the New York city plumbing code.

The Department has not conducted subsequent inspections of the 5 locations for which it has issued violations for failure to comply with the single-occupant toilet room signage requirements given that such violations can still be cured.



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