

# Promulgation Details for 1 RCNY 102-06

This rule became effective on August, 13, 2021.

Since such date, one or more amendments have been made to this rule. Each rule amendment has its own effective date and Statement of Basis and Purpose.

Below you will find one or more rule amendments (the most recent appearing at the top), followed by the original rule.

The effective date of each amendment and the original rule can be found at the top of each "NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE."

This rule has an effective date of 12-18-24

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of

Buildings by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and in accordance with Section

1043 of the Charter, that the Department of Buildings hereby adopts the amendments to

sections 101-03 and 102-06 of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York

regarding the Homeowner Resolution Program that gives owners of one- and two-family

homes who have not received any prior violations at the property within the past five years

an opportunity to correct certain violating conditions prior to receiving a notice of violation

and associated penalties. This rule was first published on September 25, 2024, and a

public hearing thereon was held on October 30, 2024.

Dated:

New York New York

James S. Oddo

Commissione

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#### STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE OF RULE

Section 102-06 of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to clarify the provisions of the Homeowner Resolution Program that gives owners of one- and two-family homes who have not received any prior violations at the property within the past five years an opportunity to correct certain violating conditions prior to receiving a notice of violation and associated penalties.

#### Specifically, the amendments:

- limit applicability of the program to existing buildings, excluding new construction, which must abide by strict construction safety standards;
- remove the eligibility of violating conditions that result in a Stop Work Order or a Vacate Order;
- allow for owners of properties to be assessed a re-inspection fee and issued a violation for conditions that still exist after the 60-day no-penalty grace period has passed and acceptable proof of correction has not been provided to the Department.

The reinspection fee in section 101-03 is amended to align with proposed changes to section 102-06.

The Department of Buildings' authority for these rules is found in sections 643 and 1043 of the New York City Charter and Article 208 of Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code.

## New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

Asterisks (\*\*\*) indicate unamended text.

Section 1. Section 101-03 of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

Reinspection made necessary by a failure to correct a condition or respond to a request [to correct that results in issuance of a violation or other order! for corrective action	
violation or other order] for corrective action.	

§2. Section 102-06 of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

§102-06 Homeowner resolution program. Owners of one- and two-family homes who have not received any prior violations at the property will have an opportunity to correct certain

violating conditions prior to receiving a notice of violation and associated penalties.

- (a) Applicability. The homeowner resolution program applies to owners of <u>existing</u> one-and two-family homes, whether or not they occupy those homes, [to whom] <u>where</u> prior Department notices of violations <u>returnable to the Environmental Control Board/Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (ECB/OATH)</u> have not been issued at the property within the past five years, <u>whether or not the current owner owned the property during those five years</u>. [The program shall also apply to new owners, where the violations on the property were issued within the past five years to a prior owner.]
- **(b) Eligible violations.** This program covers violations classified as Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 in subdivision (k) of section 102-01 of these rules. Multiple violating conditions observed on the same date are considered as one [violation for the purposes of this program] request for corrective action. Any repeated instance of the same violating condition is ineligible for this program and will result in the issuance of a notice of violation.

**Exceptions.** This section does not apply to Class 1 violations for illegal conversions as described in section 28-210.1 of the Administrative Code, Class 1 violations that result in the issuance of a Stop Work Order or a Vacate Order and Class 1 violations that lead to death or serious injury.

- (c) Request for corrective action. Where a violating condition is observed at a property that is part of this program, the commissioner will issue a request for corrective action, giving the owner 60 days to correct the condition. In order to resolve a request for corrective action, the owner must correct the condition and submit acceptable proof of correction to the Department within such 60 days. The Department may perform an inspection upon receiving such proof of correction in order to verify that such conditions have been corrected.
- (d) Failure to correct condition. [If, upon reinspection at] At the expiration of the 60-day correction grace period, [an inspection finds that the violating condition has not been corrected,] a notice of violation returnable to ECB/OATH based on the conditions observed and documented on the request for corrective action will be issued to the owner for each condition for which correction has not been verified as described in subdivision (c).
- **(e) Fee.** [In addition to receiving a notice of violation, for Class 1 violations as described in subdivision (b), the] <u>The</u> owner will be charged a fee for [the inspection that results in the issuance of such notice of violation] <u>any reinspection made necessary by a failure to respond to a request for corrective action, as provided in section 101-03 of these rules.</u>
- **(f)** Removal from program. An owner who receives a notice of violation <u>returnable to ECB/OATH</u> after [either] failing to correct the violating condition within the provided timeframe [or failing to provide access to an inspector to determine if the violating condition has been corrected] <u>in the request for corrective action</u> is no longer eligible for this program [and must comply with the requirements in section 102-01 of these rules]. The violating condition must still be corrected and any applicable penalty associated with any such notice of violation issued must be paid.

This rule has an effective date of 08-13-21

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of Buildings

by Section 643 of the New York City Charter and in accordance with Section 1043 of the Charter,

that the Department of Buildings hereby adopts the amendments to Section 101-03 regarding the

reinspection fee, and Section 102-01 of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New

York, regarding correction and cure period for violations, and the addition of Section 102-06 to

Chapter 100, regarding a program to give owners of one- and two-family homes who have not

received any prior violations at the property within the past five years, or are new owners, an

opportunity to correct certain violating conditions prior to receiving a notice of violation and

associated penalties.

This rule was first published on May 28, 2021 and a public hearing thereon was held on June 28,

2021.

Dated:

7/7/2021

New York, New York

Melanie E. La Rocca Commissioner

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## Statement of Basis and Purpose of Rule

Section 28-208.1 of the Administrative Code provides that the commissioner may issue a request for corrective action as an alternative to the issuance of an order or notice of violation. This rule adds a new Section 102-06 to Subchapter B of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York relating to a new program to give owners of one- and two-family homes who have not received any prior violations at the property within the past five years, or are new owners, an opportunity to correct certain violating conditions prior to receiving a notice of violation and associated penalties. The rule sets out eligibility and requirements for this program.

Section 28-208.1.1 of the Administrative Code allows the imposition of a fee for any subsequent inspection that results in the issuance of a notice of violation for the condition. The rule amends the existing reinspection fee in section 101-03 from \$85 to \$225. This fee has not been increased since it was adopted in 2011. The increased fee will cover the current workload and staffing needed to ensure compliance with code requirements.

The rule also amends section 102-01 by adding a timeframe for correction of violations, extending the cure period for violations from 40 to 60 days for one- and two-family homes, clarifying that the time starts from the date of service of the notice and deleting a redundant provision.

The Department of Buildings' authority for these rules is found in sections 643 and 1043 of the New York City Charter and sections 28-208.1 and 28-208.1.1 of the New York City Administrative Code.

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"Shall" and "must" denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Section 1. The fee for reinspection in section 101-03 of Subchapter A of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

Reinspection made necessary by a failure to	[\$85] <u>\$225</u> each inspection
correct a condition or respond to a request to	
correct that results in issuance of a violation	
or other order	

- §2. Paragraphs (2) through (9) of subdivision (c) of section 102-01 of Subchapter B of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York are renumbered (3) through (10), respectively, and a new paragraph (2) is added, to read as follows:
- (2) Violations classified as major or lesser must be corrected within forty days from the date of service of the NOV, except that such violations issued to one- or two-family homes must be corrected within sixty days of service of the NOV.
- §3. Paragraphs (3), (9) and (10) of subdivision (c) of section 102-01 of Subchapter B of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, as renumbered by this rule, are amended to read as follows:
- (3) [The following violation] <u>A violation for filing a false certification</u> cannot be certified as corrected prior to a hearing before ECB. The respondent must appear at the hearing prior to the submission of the certification to the Department[:].
  - [(i) A violation for filing a false certification;]
- (9) For violations classified as Class 3 or for those Class 2 violations eligible for a cure, respondents may avoid a hearing by submitting a certification of correction acceptable to and received by the Department no later than forty days from the date of [the Commissioner's order to correct set forth in] service of the NOV. For such violations issued to one- or two-family homes, a certificate of correction acceptable to the Department must be submitted and received no later than sixty days from the date of service of the NOV. For violations classified as Class 1, a certification acceptable to the Department must be received by the Department forthwith.
- (10) Failure to submit an acceptable certification for all violating conditions indicated on the NOV on a Department of Buildings form within the time period prescribed in paragraph [(8)] (9) of this subdivision shall require the respondent to appear at a hearing at ECB on the date indicated on the NOV. If no certificate of correction is received within the time period prescribed in paragraph [(8)] (9) of this subdivision, the respondent is also subject to issuance of a violation for failure to certify correction and the imposition of civil penalties as defined in [Title] section 28-202.1 of the Administrative Code.

- §4. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 102-01 of Subchapter B of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows (unamended footnote omitted):
- (1) Cure.¹ An eligible violation may be cured by correction before the first scheduled hearing date at ECB. All violations that are designated as Class 3 violations are eligible for cure. Some, but not all, types of violations that are designated as Class 2 violations are eligible for cure. Those types of Class 2 violations that are eligible for cure will be indicated within the Buildings Penalty Schedule found below. In order to cure, a certificate of correction acceptable to the Department must be filed at the Department within forty days from the date of [the Commissioner's order to correct set forth in] service of the NOV. For violations issued to one- or two-family homes, a certificate of correction acceptable to the Department must be submitted and received no later than sixty days from the date of service of the NOV. A cure constitutes an admission of the violation; dispenses with the need for a hearing at ECB; constitutes a predicate violation for subsequent violations; and, consistent with the provisions of § 28-204.2, and with the provisions of the Buildings Penalty Schedule, results in a zero penalty. A violation that has been charged as an Aggravated I or Aggravated II violation is never eligible for a cure, even if there is a "Yes" in the "Cure" column in the Buildings Penalty Schedule for that violation description.
- §5. Paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of section 102-01 of Subchapter B of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, relating to the deadline to receive a corrected certificate of correction, is REPEALED.
- §6. Subchapter B of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new section 102-06 to read as follows:
- §102-06 Homeowner resolution program. Owners of one- and two-family homes who have not received any prior violations at the property will have an opportunity to correct certain violating conditions prior to receiving a notice of violation and associated penalties.
- (a) Applicability. The homeowner resolution program applies to owners of one- and two-family homes, whether or not they occupy those homes, to whom prior Department notices of violations have not been issued at the property within the past five years. The program shall also

- apply to new owners, where the violations on the property were issued within the past five years to a prior owner.
- (b) Eligible violations. This program covers violations classified as Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 in subdivision (k) of section 102-01 of these rules. Multiple violating conditions observed on the same date are considered as one violation for the purposes of this program.
  - **Exceptions.** This section does not apply to Class 1 violations for illegal conversions as described in section 28-210.1 of the Administrative Code and Class 1 violations that lead to death or serious injury.
- (c) Request for corrective action. Where a violating condition is observed at a property that is part of this program, the commissioner will issue a request for corrective action, giving the owner 60 days to correct the condition.
- (d) Failure to correct condition. If, upon reinspection at the expiration of the 60-day correction period, an inspection finds that the violating condition has not been corrected, a notice of violation will be issued to the owner.
- **Fee.** In addition to receiving a notice of violation, for Class 1 violations as described in subdivision (b), the owner will be charged a fee for the inspection that results in the issuance of such notice of violation, as provided in section 101-03 of these rules.
- (f) Removal from program. An owner who receives a notice of violation after either failing to correct the violating condition within the provided timeframe or failing to provide access to an inspector to determine if the violating condition has been corrected is no longer eligible for this program and must comply with the requirements in section 102-01 of these rules. The violating condition must still be corrected and any applicable penalty associated with any such notice of violation issued must be paid.