

New York City Department of Sanitation

Notice of Adoption of Rule Relating to the Implementation of the Sixth and Seventh Commercial Waste Zones

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the requirements of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter and pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of the Department of Sanitation by sections 753 and 1043(a) of the New York City Charter and Titles 16 and 16-B of the New York City Administrative Code that the Department adopts the following rule relating to the implementation of the sixth and seventh Commercial Waste Zones. The Department published a Notice of Opportunity to Comment on the proposed rule in the City Record on October 8, 2025. On November 13, 2025, the Department held a public hearing on the proposed rule.

Statement of Basis and Purpose

In 2019, New York City enacted Local Law 199 requiring the establishment of a new program for the collection of commercial waste. The program, known as the Commercial Waste Zones (CWZ) program, is a safe, efficient, and competitive collection system designed to provide high-quality service to New York City businesses while advancing the City's waste diversion and sustainability goals. Pursuant to Local Law 199, codified in Title 16-B of the New York City Administrative Code, the geographic area of New York City has been divided into 20 CWZs. Pursuant to a request for proposals process, three private carters providing commercial waste collection services were selected by the Department to serve businesses within each CWZ, and five carters were selected to provide citywide containerized commercial waste collection services to businesses that use dumpsters and compactors. The selected carters are referred to as "awardees." The resulting contracts with the awardees include standards for pricing, customer service, safety, environmental health, and requirements to promote the City's commitment to recycling and sustainability.

Local Law 199 requires the Department to issue rules setting forth an implementation start date and a final implementation date for each CWZ established. See Ad. Code § 16-1002(e)(3). Different implementation start and end dates may be established for different CWZs. The Department previously set the implementation start and end dates for the first five CWZs: Queens Central, Bronx East, Bronx West, Queens Northeast, and Brooklyn South. This rule sets the implementation start date and final implementation date for the next two zones: Queens West and Lower Manhattan. Subsequent rules will set the implementation dates for the remaining 13 zones.

The Department's authority for these rules is found in Section 753 and Section 1043(g) of the New York City Charter and Title 16-B of the New York City Administrative Code. The Department received two comments in support of the proposed rule, which did not lead to any changes in the rule.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

"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. Subdivision b of section 20-02 of Title 16 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(b) Awardees for one or more of the commercial waste zones set forth in subdivision (a) of this section and for citywide containerized service are authorized to commence service in the awarded zones on the following implementation start and final implementation dates:

Zone name	Implementation start date	Final implementation date
Queens Central	September 3, 2024	January 2, 2025
Bronx East	October 1, 2025	November 30, 2025
Bronx West	October 1, 2025	November 30, 2025
Queens Northeast	January 1, 2026	February 28, 2026
Brooklyn South	January 1, 2026	February 28, 2026
<u>Queens West</u>	<u>April 1, 2026</u>	<u>May 31, 2026</u>
<u>Lower Manhattan</u>	<u>April 1, 2026</u>	<u>May 31, 2026</u>