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**PUBLIC HEARING ON DSNY'S AMENDMENT TO RULE RELATING TO  
THE SMALL BUSINESS FORWARD INITIATIVE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024  
9:30 AM  
(REMOTE HEARING)**

Good morning and welcome. My name is Madelynn Liguori. I am Senior Counsel in the Bureau of Legal Affairs for the Department of Sanitation ("DSNY"). Thank you for attending this public hearing this morning.

DSNY is conducting this remote hearing in accordance with the requirements of the City Administrative Procedure Act. The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from the public on DSNY's proposed amendment to a rule relating to the Small Business Forward initiative.

This rule was published by DSNY in the City Record on March 5, 2024, with a scheduled hearing date of today, April 5, 2024. Additionally, DSNY emailed copies of the rule to all New York City local elected officials, the City's fifty-nine community boards, media and interested parties, and published the proposed rule on its website.

On November 17, 2023, Mayor Eric Adams signed into law Local Law No. 151 of 2023 (Local Law 151). Local Law 151 reduces the regulatory burden on businesses. It reduces penalties and gives more business owners extra time to cure violations. These reforms were a part of the Mayor's Small Business Forward Initiative.

This rule codifies certain provisions contained in Local Law 151. Specifically, it simplifies the signage requirements for businesses regarding the collection of organic waste. It also makes technical amendments relating to the enforcement provisions that are specifically enumerated in §16-324 of the New York City Administrative Code related to the enforcement of solid waste recycling provisions. Finally, the proposed rule includes some minor plain language edits.

DSNY's authority for this rule is found in sections 753 and 1043(a) of the New York City Charter and sections 16-306 and 16-306.1 of the New York City Administrative Code.

A court reporter is present today and will record the hearing. You may present an oral statement or submit written comments concerning the proposed rule. We have been accepting written comments on the proposed rule since it was published. Today is the deadline for submission of written comments. Such comments may be emailed directly to [nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov) by 5PM today.

DSNY will make available a copy of all written comments received through today, together with the hearing transcript, for viewing on its website within the next few weeks.

DSNY will carefully consider all the comments it receives today at the hearing and all written comments it receives.

I will begin calling those of you who wish to speak this morning in the order in which you have signed up to testify. While the notice requested that persons wishing to testify sign up in advance of this hearing, anyone wishing to testify at this time may do so by indicating in the chat area that you wish to testify by indicating your name and affiliation, if any. When you speak, please state your name and affiliation, and speak slowly and clearly so that the court reporter can understand and accurately record your statement. [We also ask that you limit your statement to five minutes.]