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**PUBLIC HEARING ON DSNY'S PROPOSED RULE RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF
COMMERCIAL WASTE**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

10:00 A.M.

(REMOTE HEARING)

Good morning and welcome. My name is Anissa Badea. I am Counsel in the Bureau of Legal Affairs for the Department of Sanitation. 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 rule relating to the collection of commercial waste.

This rule was published by DSNY in the City Record on August 1, 2025, with a scheduled hearing date of today, September 2, 2025. 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.

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 or CWZ program, is a safe, efficient, and competitive collection program 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 "commercial waste zones." Following a request for proposals process, the Department selected three private carters (entities that are licensed to collect waste from commercial establishments) to provide commercial waste collection services within each CWZ and five carters to provide citywide containerized commercial waste collection services to business that use dumpsters and compactors. The selected carters are referred to as "awardees." The Department's resulting contracts with the awardees entered into pursuant to section 16-1002(a) of the New York City Administrative Code (Administrative Code) include standards for pricing, customer service, safety, environmental health, and requirements to promote the City's commitment to recycling and sustainability.

On January 2, 2025, the Department implemented the first CWZ—Queens Central. Following the implementation of Queens Central, the Department undertook a review of

the CWZ rules to identify potential improvements based on lessons learned from implementing the first CWZ. The Department also set the implementation start date and final implementation date for the next two CWZs to be implemented after Queens Central—Bronx East and Bronx West. Through this rulemaking, the Department seeks to implement those improvements and to set the implementation start date and final implementation date for the next two CWZs to be implemented.

DSNY's authority for these rules is found in Section 753 and Section 1043(a) of the New York City Charter and Title 16-B 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 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 asked 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 say 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 three minutes.