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**PUBLIC HEARING ON DSNY'S PROPOSED RULE  
RELATING TO CONTAINERIZATION REQUIREMENTS  
FOR BUILDINGS CONTAINING 10 OR MORE DWELLING UNITS**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026  
9:30 A.M.  
(REMOTE HEARING)**

Good morning and welcome. My name is Madelynn Liguori. I am the Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Legal Affairs with the Department of Sanitation. Thank you for attending this public hearing this morning.

The agency 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 containerization requirements for buildings containing 10 or more dwelling units.

This rule was published in the City Record on May 15, 2026, with a scheduled hearing date of today, June 17, 2026. Additionally, copies of the rule were emailed 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.

This proposed rule would amend and expand the Department of Sanitation's (the "Department") stationary on-street container pilot program to include an additional area and to extend containerization requirements for both large residential buildings that contain 31 or more residential dwelling units, and medium residential buildings that contain 10 to 30 residential dwelling units. The existing rule designated Manhattan Community District 9 as an area where buildings with 10 or more dwelling units were required to containerize all trash on a pilot basis. The City Council passed Local Law No. 180 of 2025, which authorizes the Department to expand this program and gives the Department additional authority to promulgate rules related to containerization and the use of stationary on-street containers.

This proposed rule would extend the pilot program in Manhattan Community District 9 to October 15, 2027, and set an implementation date of October 15, 2026, for all medium residential buildings (buildings with 10-30 dwelling units) in the District that are not utilizing stationary on-street containers to either opt-in to use stationary on-street containers or begin using Department-approved rigid containers with tight-fitting lids purchased from an authorized vendor. Medium residential buildings in such District that have not opted in previously for stationary on-street containers would be able to do so during the application period from July 1 to July 31, 2026.

The proposed rule would also expand the pilot program to include Brooklyn Community District 2. Large and medium residential buildings in Brooklyn Community District 2 would be able to opt-in to using stationary on-street containers from July 1 to July 31, 2026, and would be required to either begin using on-street containers or rigid containers with tight-fitting lids by October 15, 2026. The pilot program in Brooklyn Community District 2 would last until October 15, 2027. Extending the length of the pilot program in Manhattan Community District 9 and expanding the pilot program to Brooklyn Community District 2 will allow the Department to collect more data as it considers making the program permanent and expanding the program citywide.

This proposed rule would add definitions of the terms “large residential building,” “medium residential building,” and “residential building” as set forth in Local Law 180 of 2025. The previous rule used the terms “31 or more dwelling units” and “10 to 30 dwelling units.” Such buildings would now be referred to as “large residential buildings” and “medium residential buildings,” respectively.

This proposed rule would also set forth maintenance and cleanliness requirements for buildings in the pilot program that are utilizing stationary on-street containers. The Department would continue to require that such stationary on-street containers be kept clean, well-maintained, and clear of trash, debris, graffiti, vermin, food scraps, and unsanitary conditions. This rule would also require that all buildings utilizing stationary on-street containers remove snow and ice from the lids of such containers, and keep the following areas clear of all trash, debris, snow and ice conditions:

- the area between individual stationary on-street containers, if a building has multiple containers;
- the area between any stationary on-street container and any adjacent bollard or street marking applied by the Department; and
- the area of the roadway extending 1 1/2 feet from such stationary on-street container from all sides.

Additionally, any residential building utilizing stationary on-street containers in the pilot program would be required to distribute to their employees training materials provided by the Department relating to how to set out such refuse in such container, and to provide any such employees who are responsible for setting out such refuse in such container any personal protective equipment reasonably necessary for such purpose, including, but not limited to protective gloves.

This proposed rule would also make it a violation to intentionally damage, alter or vandalize any stationary on-street container by any person, including, but not limited to, the building owner or a person employed by such building.

Local Law 180 of 2025 allows the Department to fix penalties for any violation of any rules promulgated pursuant to section 16-114.2 of the New York City Administrative Code. Such penalty would be set at \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation committed within a 12-month period, and \$300 for a third and subsequent violation committed within a 12-month period.

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 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.