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**PUBLIC HEARING ON DSNY'S PROPOSED RULE RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE BROOKLYN NORTH AND UPPER MANHATTAN COMMERCIAL WASTE ZONES (CWZs)**

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

10:00 A.M.

(REMOTE HEARING)

Good morning and welcome. My name is Anissa Badea. I am Counsel 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 implementation of the Commercial Waste Zone program and infrequent waste generators.

This rule was published by DSNY in the City Record on April 7, 2026, with a scheduled hearing date of today, May 8, 2026. 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 (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 eight CWZs: Queens Central, Bronx East, Bronx West, Queens Northeast, Brooklyn South, Lower Manhattan, Midtown South, and Staten Island. This rule sets the implementation start date and final implementation date for the next two zones: Brooklyn North and Upper Manhattan. Subsequent rules will set the implementation dates for the remaining ten zones. DSNY'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.

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 by 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 oral and 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 may sign up to do so by indicating in the chat area 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.