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August 25, 2026

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND RULES REGARDING THE

COLLECTION OF COMMERCIAL WASTE TO INCLUDE THE

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE BROOKLYN EAST,

MANHATTAN NORTHEAST, QUEENS WEST AND MANHATTAN

WEST COMMERCIAL WASTE ZONES (CWZs)

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August 25, 2026
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Remotely via
Microsoft Teams

Julia M. Speros
Court Reporter

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PROCEEDINGS

MS. BADEA: Good morning and welcome. My name is Anissa Badea and I'm 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 July 15, 2026, with a scheduled hearing date of today, August 25, 2026. Additionally, DSNY emailed copies of the rule to all New York City local elected-officials, the City's 59 community boards, media, and interested parties, and published the proposed rule on its website.

In 2019, New York City enacted Local

1 Law 199, requiring the establishment of
2 a new program for the collection of
3 commercial waste. The program, known as
4 the Commercial Waste Zone (CWZ) Program,
5 is a safe, efficient, and competitive
6 collection system designed to provide
7 high-quality services to New York City
8 businesses while advancing the City's
9 waste diversion and sustainability
10 goals.

11 Pursuant to Local Law 199 of 2019,
12 codified in Title 16-B of the New York
13 City Administrative Code, the geographic
14 area of New York City has been divided
15 into 20 CWZs. Pursuant to a request for
16 a proposal process, three private
17 carters providing commercial waste
18 collection services were selected by the
19 Department to serve businesses within
20 each CWZ, and five carters were selected
21 to provide City-wide containerized
22 commercial waste collection services to
23 businesses that use dumpsters and
24 compactors.

25 The selected carters are referred to

1 as "awardees". The resulting contracts
2 with the awardees include standards for
3 pricing, customer service, safety,
4 environmental health, and requirements
5 to promote the City's commitment to
6 recycling and sustainability.

7 Local Law 199 requires the
8 Department to issue rules setting forth
9 an implementation start and final
10 implementation date for each CWZ
11 established. Different implementation
12 start and end dates may be established
13 for different CWZs.

14 The Department previously set the
15 implementation start and end dates for
16 the first 10 CWZs:

17 Queens Central, Bronx East, Bronx
18 West, Queens Northeast, Brooklyn South,
19 Lower Manhattan, Midtown South, Staten
20 Island, Brooklyn North, and Upper
21 Manhattan.

22 This rule would set the
23 implementation start date and final
24 implementation date for the next four
25 zones:

1 Brooklyn East, Manhattan Northeast,
2 Queens West, and Manhattan West.
3 Subsequent rules will set the
4 implementation date for the remaining
5 six zones.

6 Local Law 199 of 2019 also prohibits
7 awardees from refusing commercial waste
8 collection services to any commercial
9 establishment required to provide for
10 the removal of such waste within a
11 commercial waste zone for which the
12 awardee has been awarded an agreement
13 with the City.

14 Section 20-22(a)2 of the rules of
15 the City of New York provide that
16 awardees must offer such commercial
17 establishments the following level of
18 service per week:

19 At least -- at least two days of
20 refuse collection, one day of designated
21 recyclable material collection, and if
22 the commercial establishment is a
23 designated cover commercial
24 establishment, at least one day of
25 source separated organic collection.

1 The Department received complaints
2 from customers who were unable to
3 contract with an awardee for services
4 below these levels of service. This
5 amendment would clarify that these
6 service levels constitute a default
7 level of service and do not preclude an
8 awardee from providing less frequent
9 service to an establishment that
10 requires less frequent service, and that
11 an awardee may not deny, suspend, or
12 terminate service to an establishment
13 that needs less frequent service than a
14 default level of service provided for in
15 Section 20-22(a)2.

16 DSNY's authority for these rules are
17 found in Section 753 and Section 1043(g)
18 of the New York City Charter and Title
19 16-B of the New York City Administrative
20 Code.

21 A court reporter is present today
22 and will record the hearing. You may
23 present an oral statement or submit
24 written comments concerning the proposed
25 rule.

1 We have been accepting written
2 comments on the proposed rule since it
3 was published. Today is the deadline
4 for submission of written comments, and
5 such comments may be emailed directly to
6 nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov by today.

7 DSNY will make available all written
8 comments received through today,
9 together with the hearing transcript,
10 for viewing on its website within the
11 next few weeks. DSNY will carefully
12 consider all oral and written comments
13 it receives.

14 I will begin calling those of you
15 who wish to speak this morning in the
16 order in which you have signed up to
17 testify. While the notice asked persons
18 wishing to testify signed up -- to
19 sign-up in advance of this hearing,
20 anyone wishing to testify may sign-up by
21 indicating in the chat your name and
22 affiliation, if any.

23 When you speak, please state your
24 name and affiliation. Speak slowly and
25 clearly so the court reporter can

1 understand and accurately record your
2 statement. We also ask that you limit
3 your statement to three minutes.

4 So, at this time, if anyone would
5 like to speak, please indicate your name
6 in the chat, and I will call on you.

7 (No response.)

8 MS. BADEA: And we will also keep
9 this -- even if there aren't any
10 speakers, keep this hearing open for
11 some time to allow people to join.

12 (No response.)

13 (Record remained open.)

14 MS. BADEA: Just a reminder, if
15 anyone wishes to testify, you can put
16 your name and affiliation in the chat
17 and I will call on you.

18 Right now, there's no one signed-up
19 to testify, so we're going to keep the
20 hearing open for a little bit longer.

21 (No response.)

22 (Record remained open.)

23 MS. BADEA: As a reminder, if you
24 would like to speak, you can please
25 indicate your name and affiliation, if

1 any, in the chat and I'll give you a
2 call.

3 (No response.)

4 (Record remained open.)

5 MS. BADEA: Hi, all. Seeing no
6 commenters (sic), this will end the
7 hearing for today.

8 Once again, all comments may
9 continue to be submitted until the end
10 of today. You can submit comments by
11 emailing nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov or you
12 can post any comments on the NYC Rules
13 website at nyc.gov/nycrules.

14 Thank you and have a nice day.

15 (Time noted: 10:20 a.m.)
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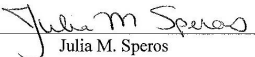
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I, Julia M. Speros, a Notary Public
within and for the State of New York, do hereby
certify:

I reported the proceedings in the
within-entitled matter, and that the within
transcript is a true record of such proceedings
to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not
related to any of the parties to this action by
blood or marriage; and that I am in no way
interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 25th day of August, 2026.


Julia M. Speros

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