



OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIALS AND HEARINGS Help Center

Resources for Researching the Laws Adjudicated at OATH

The summons you received should list the specific section of law, rule, or regulation you or your business is charged with violating. Part of preparing for your administrative hearing at OATH is gaining an understanding of that law, rule or regulation and what it requires.

Note: If a specific code section is not listed on your summons, you may present this to an OATH Hearing Officer during your hearing as a potential defect in the summons.

All of NYC's laws, rules and regulations are available for review at:

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/newyorkcity/latest/overview>

Additional resources:

The New York City Building Code:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/codes/2014-construction-codes.page>

The New York City Sanitation Code:

- https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/downloads/pdf/about/laws/DSNY_RulesRegs_2014.pdf (summary)
- <https://nycadmincode.readthedocs.io/t16/> (full code)

The New York City Health Code:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/about/about-doh/health-code-and-rules.page>

New York City Traffic Rules:

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/newyorkcity/latest/NYCrules/0-0-0-102231>

New York City Highway Rules (including permits for street construction, requirements for sidewalk, curb and roadway work, rules regarding newsstands):

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/newyorkcity/latest/NYCrules/0-0-0-61121>

Department of Consumer Affairs Consumer Protection and Licensing laws:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/about/consumer-protection-and-licensing-laws.page>

The New York City Fire Code:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/fdny/codes/fire-code/fire-code.page>

New York City Parks Rules and Regulations:

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/rules>

Taxi & Limousine Commission Rules & Local Laws:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/tlc/about/tlc-rules.page>

Department of Environmental Protection:

- Plumbing Code: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/apps/pdf_viewer/viewer.html?file=2014CC_PC_Chapter3_General_Regulations.pdf§ion=conscod_2014
- Backflow Prevention Device FAQ's: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/backflow-prevention-frequently-asked-questions.page>
- Noise Code: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/environment/noise-code.page>
- Air Code: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/environment/air-pollution-regulations.page>

OATH's Hearings Division Rules of Practice:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/oath/hearings/hearings-division-rules-of-practice.page>

Additionally, if you wish to research prior OATH decisions to understand how the laws have been applied to an issue similar to yours, the CityAdmin Document Repository houses a searchable database of OATH Appeals Decisions available at: <https://nyc.mindbreeze.com/search/apps/cityadmin/>. OATH Hearing Officers are required to follow the reasoning of OATH Appeals Decisions and you may present a prior OATH Appeals Decision to support your arguments during *your hearing*. You may search using the section of law you are interested in or a particular term, such as "improper receptacle", etc.

For Further Assistance, Or If You Need Help Locating A Specific NYC Section Of Law, Rule or Regulation, Please Contact The OATH Help Center In Person At Any OATH Location, Monday To Friday, From 8 AM-5 PM, Via Telephone At (212) 436-0845, Or Via Email At Manhelpcenter@oath.nyc.gov.

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