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Guide to Microdistribution

Every day, New Yorkers rely on the delivery of goods and services to their homes and businesses. It's time to modernize zoning for safe, sustainable local deliveries at smaller scales — also known as “microdistribution.”

city of yes for economic opportunity is a set of zoning changes to support NYC's economy, including microdistribution businesses that connect New Yorkers to the goods and services they need.



The Problem

Today's zoning prohibits local delivery hubs in commercial areas.

This zoning restriction leads to more truck congestion and pollution because it makes it harder for businesses to bring deliveries to New Yorkers by bike or foot.

The Solution

city of yes for economic opportunity would:

- Allow microdistribution up to 2,500 square feet—the size of a typical storefront— in neighborhood commercial districts.
- In Central Business Districts and other high-density commercial areas, allow microdistribution in spaces up to 5,000 square feet on the ground floor and 10,000 square feet on upper floors. Microdistribution could also occupy parking spaces in commercial garages.

To discourage “dark stores,” streetscape rules would prohibit businesses from placing paper or other opaque materials over their windows or doors.

Questions or comments?

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