

## SERVICE UPDATE

### **Sprinkler Systems Required in Animal Service Facilities**

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Local Law 78 of 2015 states, owners of animal service facilities – as defined in the NYC Building Code §202 – shall, by December 31, 2016, provide a report certifying either:

- 1) The required sprinkler system(s) has been installed; or
- 2) The facility is in compliance with one of the exceptions set forth in such law (further discussed below).

Local Law 78 of 2015 is retroactive and applies to all animal service facilities in existence on December 31, 2015 and such facilities **must** achieve compliance no later than December 31, 2016. The exceptions to the sprinkler requirements are:

- Animal service facilities that provide 24 hour in-person supervision of animals sheltered therein and equipped with smoke alarms; **or**
- Animal service facilities that were in operation on or before December 31, 2016, and are equipped with an automatic smoke detection system.

*NOTE: Animal service facilities include the following locations where animals are sheltered on a 24-hour basis: animal hospitals, kennels, pounds, veterinary clinics, pet shops.*

To certify compliance, including exemption from sprinkler requirements, owners of animal service facilities **must** complete the SSR1 form and submit the completed form via email to [DOBSSR1@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:DOBSSR1@buildings.nyc.gov) no later than December 31, 2016.

For more information, please contact Customer Service by phone at (212) 393-2550 or by email at [DOBCustomerService@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:DOBCustomerService@buildings.nyc.gov).

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