

Fact Sheet

NYC Energy Conservation Code, Local Law 85 Exemptions

The Environmental Review department issues written determinations by email for applicants to submit to the Department of Buildings for NYC Energy Conservation Code (NYCECC) exemptions. In addition, for LPC designated buildings, the Preservation Department can incorporate an exemption for qualified buildings into an LPC permit. What follows are updated instructions for applying for an exemption.

The following categories of historic properties are exempt from NYC ECC as per the 2016 update to the Code that became effective on October 3, 2016: (see: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/codes/2016-energy-conservation-code.page>).

Any building that is:

- a) Listed on the National Register of Historic Places or on the State Register of Historic Places,
- b) Determined by the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places to be a contributing building to an historic district that is listed or eligible for listing on the State or National Registers of Historic Places, or
- c) Otherwise defined as an historic building in regulations adopted by the State fire prevention and building code council.

Buildings that are designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission as individual landmarks or located within New York City historic districts are not exempt from the NYCECC unless they also meet at least one of the above criteria (i.e., listed or determined eligible for the National Register).

To apply for a NYCECC determination, see instructions below.

NYC ECC Determination Letter Instructions

Email NYCECCER@lpc.nyc.gov with all of the information listed below. A sample submission follows these instructions. Please note, if you are applying for an LPC permit, the NYCECC request can be incorporated into your LPC permit application at the time of filing, and you do not need to file for a separate determination.

1. Submissions must include the address, borough, block and lot (BBL), and whether the property is residential or commercial according to the NYC ECC code definition. The BBL should be submitted in 10 digit code as per the PLUTO format as in this example: 1001210001 (borough code, 5 digit block code, 4 digit lot code).
2. For each property request, you must attach an image file, screen shot or PDF of the following (see sample below):
 - a. From NY SHPO Cultural Resource Information System (<https://cris.parks.ny.gov/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>): an image of the building footprint (with pop up), showing that it is in a National Register Historic District or listed individually.
 - b. From NYCity Map (<http://maps.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/>) show footprint of building and building and property profile.
 - c. If the building is also LPC designated, include an image of the building from LPC's Discover NYC Landmarks web map <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/lpc/designations/maps.page>, showing the pop-up with building information.
 - d. A current image of the building (can be from google maps, bing or other current image) of the building.
3. Email all of the information listed above to NYCECCER@lpc.nyc.gov

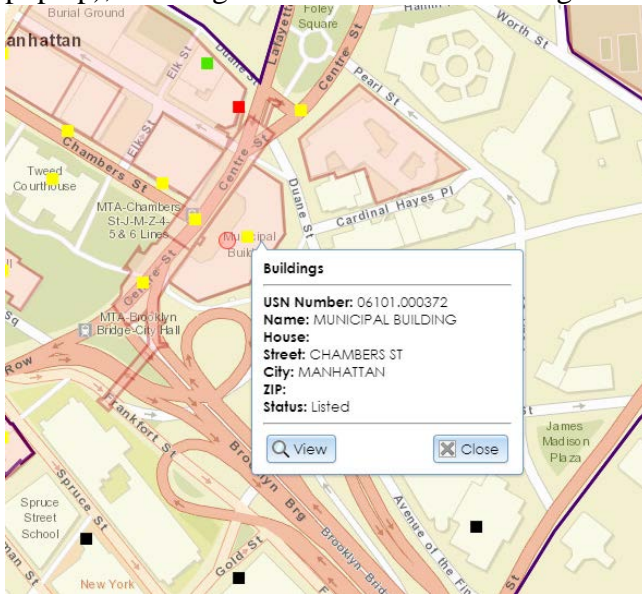
Incomplete requests will not be processed. A response will be issued within 7-10 business days by email.

Please note: All requests and inquiries should be emailed to NYCECCER@lpc.nyc.gov, and the agency will only provide responses by email. No faxes or phone call requests will be accepted.

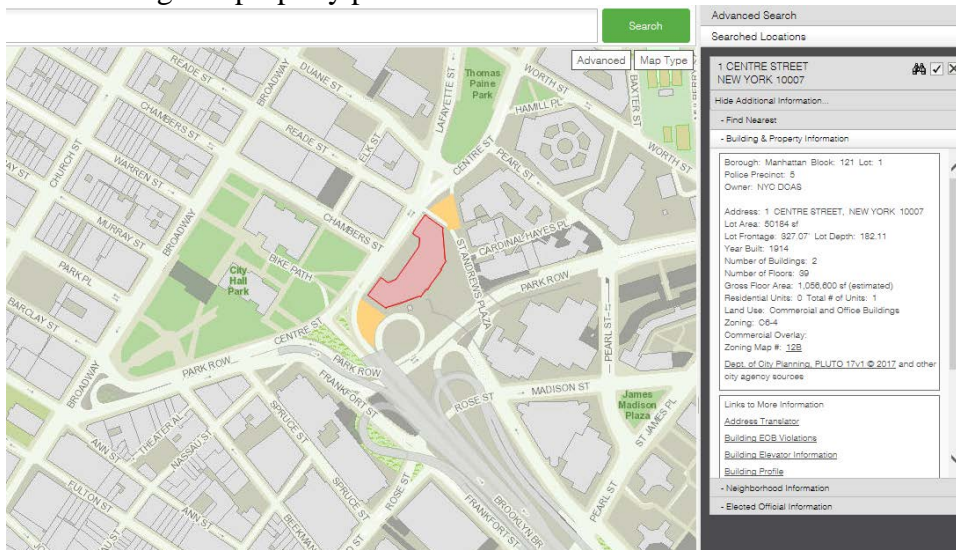
Sample Submission

1 Centre Street, New York, NY
1001210001 (Manhattan, Block 121, Lot 1)
Commercial Property

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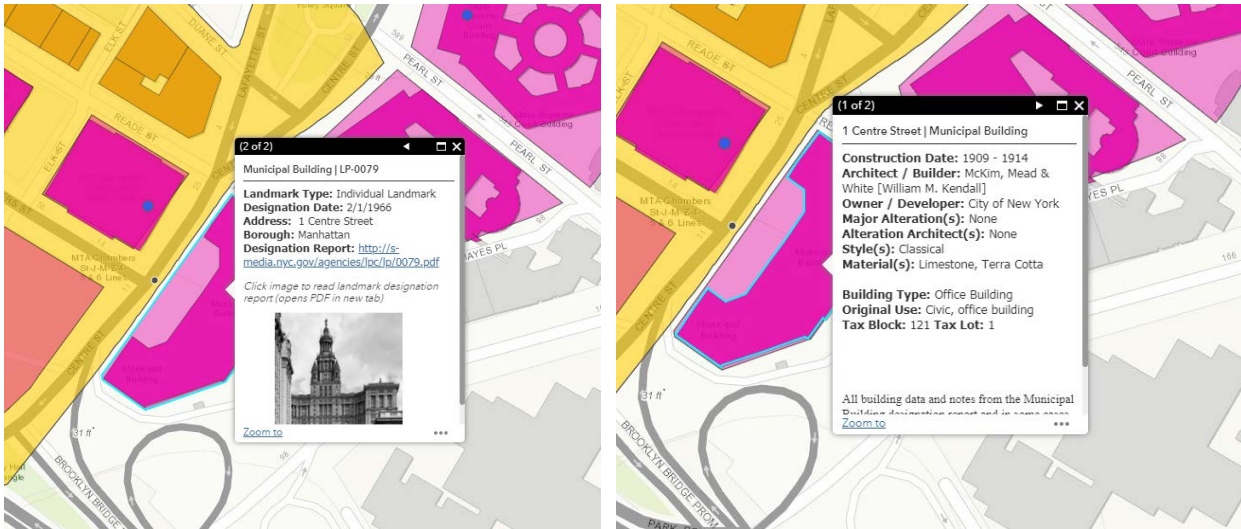


- b) From NYCity Map (<http://maps.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/>) show footprint of building and building and property profile.



Sample Submission (continued)

- c) If the building is also LPC designated, include an image of the building from LPC's Discover NYC Landmarks web map <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/lpc/designations/maps.page>, showing the pop-up with building information. (include both pop-ups)



- d) A current image of the building (can be from google maps, bing or other current image) of the building.

