

**New York City Department of Sanitation**  
**Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules**

**What are we proposing?** DSNY is proposing to amend its rules relating to the use of certain receptacles by certain commercial establishments.

**When and where is the hearing?** DSNY will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place via Webex at 10:00 AM on October 24, 2023 using the following link:

<https://departmentofsanitationnewyork.my.webex.com/departmentofsanitationnewyork.my/j.php?MTID=m3d6b87a0fbeb47a5f007cae535e760af>

Wednesday, October 24, 2023 10:00 AM

Meeting number: 2632 010 9985

Password: qXnxYQcg373 (79699724 from phones and video systems)

Join by video system

Dial 26320109985@webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

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Access code: 263 201 09985

**How do I comment on the proposed rules?** Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to the DSNY through the NYC rules Web site at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email written comments to [nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov).
- **Mail.** You can mail written comments to DSNY, 125 Worth Street, Room 710, New York, NY 10013.
- **Fax.** You can fax written comments to DSNY at 212-788-3876.
- **By speaking at the hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by emailing [mliguori@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:mliguori@dsny.nyc.gov) by October 23, 2023. While you will be given the opportunity during the hearing to indicate that you would like to provide comments, we prefer that you sign-up in advance. You can speak for up to three minutes.

**Is there a deadline to submit comments?** The deadline for submitting written comments shall be October 24, 2023.

**What if I need assistance to participate in the hearing?** You must tell the Bureau of Legal Affairs if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the hearing. You must tell us if you need a sign language interpreter. You can tell us by mail at the address given above. You may also tell us or by telephone at (646) 885-4996. Advance notice is requested to allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation. Please tell us by October 17, 2023.

**Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules?** You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. A few days after the hearing, copies of all comments submitted online, copies of all written comments, and a summary of oral comments concerning the proposed rule will be available to the public at 125 Worth Street, Room 710, New York, NY 10013 and on DSNY's website.

**What authorizes DSNY to make this rule?** Sections 753 and 1043(a) of the New York City Charter and section 16-120 of the New York City Administrative Code Section authorize DSNY to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was not included in DSNY's regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year because it was not contemplated when DSNY published the agenda.

**Where can I find the DSNY's rules?** DSNY's rules are in Title 16 of the Rules of the City of New York.

**What laws govern the rulemaking process?** DSNY must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter.

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose**

DSNY rules currently allow for all commercial establishments to set out their waste and recyclable materials within one hour of closing, provided that the scheduled collection occurs before the establishment next reopens for business and only if such materials are placed out for collection in receptacles with tight-fitting lids. Those establishments that place materials out for collection in bags, regardless of the time they close, may place such materials at the curb no earlier than 8:00 p.m.

DSNY recently adopted rules that require all food-related businesses and commercial establishments that are a part of a chain of stores to set out any putrescible solid waste, including refuse and organic waste, at the curb for private carter collection in rigid receptacles with tight-fitting lids. This new proposed rule would amend this recent rule and expand this requirement to include all commercial establishments regardless of whether such establishments are food-related businesses or are part of a chain of stores.

These changes are a part of the City's commitment to cleaning up New York City streets and reducing food sources for rats. Businesses are generators of putrescible waste, including organics, and bags of waste set out for collection on the curb, even when in compliance with existing waste set out requirements, attract rats and vermin and are unsightly. Requiring these businesses that produce any amount of food waste to place their putrescible waste in sealed

containers will meaningfully limit potential food sources for vermin while also helping to keep our sidewalks free of unattractive piles of black bags.

These changes align with other City initiatives to increase the use of containers for waste storage and collection, creating cleaner, more livable, and more vibrant streets and neighborhoods across New York City.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

Asterisks (\*\*\*) indicate unamended text.

“Shall” and “must” denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

§1. Section 1-02.4 of Chapter 1 of Title 16 of the rules of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 1-02.4 Receptacles Required for [Certain] Commercial Establishments Receiving Curbside Collection

(a) Definitions

1. The terms “catering establishment,” “food manufacturer,” “food preparation establishment,” “food service establishment,” “food wholesaler,” and “retail food store” have the same meanings as in section 16-306.1 of the Administrative Code.

2. The term “chain of stores” means a commercial establishment that operates five or more stores located within the city of New York that are engaged in the same general field of business and conduct business under the same business name or operate under common ownership or management or pursuant to a franchise agreement with the same franchisor.

3. The term “commercial establishment” means an entity that is required to provide for the removal of waste pursuant to the provisions of §16-116 of the Administrative Code.

(b) The following must set out any putrescible solid waste, including refuse and organic waste, at the curb for private carter collection in rigid receptacles with tight-fitting lids, in accordance with § 1-02.1(b), (d) and (e):

1. Catering establishments, food manufacturers, food preparation establishments, food service establishments, food wholesalers, and retail food stores.

2. A commercial establishment that is part of a chain of stores and that is not included pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subdivision.

3. Any commercial establishment receiving curbside collection of waste by a private carter that is not included pursuant to paragraphs (1) or (2) of this subdivision.

(c) The requirements of this section do not apply to recyclable materials other than organic waste.

(d) The requirements of this section do not apply to commercial establishments that receive off-street collection, including collection from inside a loading dock.

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, commercial establishments must comply with all laws, rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, the rules and regulations of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with respect to the management of waste.

§2. This rule shall take effect on March 1, 2024.

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**CERTIFICATION / ANALYSIS  
PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE: Further Amendment of Rules Relating to Use of Certain Receptacles by  
Commercial Establishments**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: DSNY-35**

**RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Sanitation**

I certify that this office has analyzed the proposed rule referenced above as required by Section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the proposed rule referenced above:

- (i) Is understandable and written in plain language for the discrete regulated community or communities;
- (ii) Minimizes compliance costs for the discrete regulated community or communities consistent with achieving the stated purpose of the rule; and
- (iii) Does not provide a cure period because violations pose a significant risk to public health.

/s/ Francisco X. Navarro  
Mayor's Office of Operations

August 3, 2023  
Date

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
CHARTER §1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE:** Further Amendment of Rules Relating to Use of Certain Receptacles by Commercial Establishments

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 2023 RG 054

**RULEMAKING AGENCY:** New York City Department of Sanitation

I certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed rule as required by section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the above-referenced proposed rule:

- (i) is drafted so as to accomplish the purpose of the authorizing provisions of law;
- (ii) is not in conflict with other applicable rules;
- (iii) to the extent practicable and appropriate, is narrowly drawn to achieve its stated purpose; and
- (iv) to the extent practicable and appropriate, contains a statement of basis and purpose that provides a clear explanation of the rule and the requirements imposed by the rule.

/s/ STEVEN GOULDEN  
Senior Counsel

Date: August 3, 2023