

Chapter 35 Designating Rat Mitigation Zones

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§ 35-01. Definitions.

“Rat Mitigation Zone” means one or more community districts, in whole or in part, that the Department has designated as meeting the criteria described in section 35-03 of this Chapter.

§ 35-02. Designation of Rat Mitigation Zones.

The Department will establish Rat Mitigation Zones in accordance with the criteria described in section 35-03 of this Chapter. The criteria and supporting data for Rat Mitigation Zones will be made available annually on the Department’s website.

§ 35-03. Criteria for Designating Rat Mitigation Zones.

The Department will consider the following criteria to determine whether a community district, or any part thereof, should be designated as a Rat Mitigation Zone:

- (a) *Commissioner orders to abate.* The number and percentage of inspections for properties within a given community district that resulted in an abatement order issued by the Department pursuant to section 151.02 of the Health Code in a 12-month period, and the location of such properties within such community district.
- (b) *City agency referral letters.* The number and percentage of inspections for properties within a given community district that resulted in the issuance of a city agency referral letter by the Department in a 12-month period, and the location of such properties within such community district.
- (c) *Summonses.* The number and percentage of inspections for rat activity for properties within a given community district that have resulted in the issuance of a summons pursuant to section 3.05 or section 151.02 of the Health Code in a 12-month period, and the location of such properties within such community district.
- (d) *Rat exterminations.* The number of rat baiting visits by the Department at properties within a given community district in a 12-month period, executed by the Department pursuant to section 17-147 of the Administrative Code following a failure to comply with an order issued pursuant to section 151.02 of the Health Code, and the location of such properties within such community district.
- (e) *Reports to 311.* The number and nature of 311 requests for service or complaints related to rat activity within any 12-month period within a given community district.
- (f) *Susceptibility to rat infestation.* The number of properties that are managed by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation that are susceptible to rat

infestation or have failed inspection for rat infestation in a 12-month period.

- (g) *Availability of resources.* The availability of resources to implement rat mitigation measures and the most efficient use of such resources.

§ 35-04 Community Districts Designated as Rat Mitigation Zones.

- (a) The Department has designated four Rat Mitigation Zones as indicated in the Appendix to this Chapter.
- (b) Nothing in this Chapter shall limit or prevent the Department from any nuisance abatement or other pest control activities in areas not designated as a Rat Mitigation Zone, including with the same methods used in a Rat Mitigation Zone.

Appendix

Rat Mitigation Zone	Community District	Borough
Chinatown, East Village, Lower East Side Zone	103	Manhattan
Harlem Zone	109, 110, 111	Manhattan
Grand Concourse Zone	203, 204, 205, 206, 207	Bronx
Bushwick, Bedford Stuyvesant, Prospect Heights Zone	303, 304, 308	Brooklyn

