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**PUBLIC HEARING ON DSNY’S PROPOSED RULE RELATING TO COMMERCIAL WASTE  
ZONE RECORDS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024  
10:00 A.M.  
(REMOTE HEARING)**

Good morning and welcome. My name is Madelynn Liguori. I am Senior Counsel in the Bureau of Legal Affairs for the Department of Sanitation (“DSNY”). Thank you for attending this public hearing this morning.

DSNY is conducting this remote hearing in accordance with the requirements of the City Administrative Procedure Act. The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from the public on DSNY’s proposed rule relating to commercial waste zone records and reporting requirements.

This rule was published by DSNY in the City Record on May 6, 2024, with a scheduled hearing date of today, June 10, 2024. Additionally, DSNY emailed copies of the rule to all New York City local elected officials, the City’s fifty-nine community boards, media and interested parties, and published the proposed rule on its website.

In 2019, New York City enacted Local Law 199 requiring the establishment of a new program for the collection of commercial waste. The program, known as the commercial waste zones program, is a collection system designed to provide high-quality, low-cost service to New York City businesses while advancing the City’s zero waste and sustainability goals by limiting the number of private carters that can operate in each zone. Its implementation is currently underway. Under Local Law 199, codified in Title 16-B of the New York City Administrative Code, the Sanitation Commissioner has divided the geographic area of New York City into 20 “commercial waste zones.” Pursuant to a request for proposals, three private carters have been selected by the Department to serve customers within each commercial waste zone and five carters have been selected to provide containerized commercial waste collection services citywide. The selected carters will be referred to as “Awardees.”

The request for proposals process identified the carters that can provide high quality service at competitive prices. The resulting contracts with the Awardees include standards for pricing, customer service, safety, environmental health, and requirements to promote the City’s commitment to recycling and sustainability.

Local Law 199 contains certain records and reporting requirements, but it also requires Awardees to comply with any rules promulgated by the Department pertaining to the reporting of information about the collection of commercial waste. These requirements will ensure that Awardees provide the information that the Department deems necessary to further the goals of the law.

Examples of new reporting requirements include reports on waste generation estimates, rates charged to customers, warnings or violations issued, workplace injuries and accidents and training records.

A court reporter is present today and will record the hearing. You may present an oral statement or submit written comments concerning the proposed rule. We have been accepting written comments on the proposed rule since it was published. Today is the deadline for submission of written comments. Such comments may be emailed directly to [nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov) by 5PM today.

DSNY will make available a copy of all written comments received through today, together with the hearing transcript, for viewing on its website within the next few weeks.

DSNY will carefully consider all the comments it receives today at the hearing and all written comments it receives.

I will begin calling those of you who wish to speak this morning in the order in which you have signed up to testify. While the notice asked that persons wishing to testify sign up in advance of this hearing, anyone wishing to testify at this time may do so by indicating in the chat area that you wish to testify by indicating your name and affiliation, if any. When you speak, please say your name and affiliation, and speak slowly and clearly so that the court reporter can understand and accurately record your statement. We also ask that you limit your statement to three minutes.