



OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIALS AND HEARINGS

Hearings Division

Decision

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Summons# : 035447109M et al. (1 summonses)

DEPT OF BUILDINGS,

-against-

GALICIA CONTRACTING & RES

Hearing Date : 5/23/2025

Hearing Location : Remote

Type of Hearing : By Telephone

Total Penalty Amount : 2,500.00

Community Service(Hr): Not Applicable

SUMMONS #	SUMMARY DISPOSITION	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	PLACE OF OCCURRENCE
035447109M	Sustained	09/13/2019	270 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, Manhattan

LINE ITEM	OATH CODE	CODE SECTION / RULE	RESULT	PENALTY
1	B106	AC 27MISCAC28MISBCMI	Sustained	2,500.00

Total Penalty for Summons: 2,500.00

Findings of Facts & Conclusions of Law

Caroline Kane, Attorney for Respondent, GALICIA CONTRACTING & RES and Dallas Mahan, Attorney for Petitioner, Department of Buildings. The parties appeared for a hearing by telephone on May 23, 2025. Issuing Officer Sokolowski Badge 2985 also appeared to testify.

Respondent is charged with a Class 1 violation of Section 3314.3.4 of the Building Code for failing to provide a loads imposed letter for the supported pipe scaffold that sits on the sidewalk shed.

Petitioner presents photos of the violating condition. Respondent's counsel argues that the Issuing Officer is assuming that no loads letter was in existence. The Issuing Officer states that the plans did not indicate that there was a loads letter, or that the shed was capable of withstanding the load.

I credit the summons and find it sufficient to establish the charge. Respondent does not present a valid defense to the charge. Therefore, this violation is sustained and the standard penalty is imposed.



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Amita Rodriguez, Hearing Officer

Date

IF YOU ARE FOUND IN VIOLATION, AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE OR DO NOT CHOOSE COMMUNITY SERVICE, YOU MUST PAY THE PENALTY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DECISION DATE OR 35 DAYS IF MAILED.

- To pay by mail, send a check or money order to the Dept. of Finance Commissioner, P.O. Box 2307, Peck Slip Station, New York, NY 10272. The check or money order should be made out to "Finance Commissioner, City of New York." Write the summons number on the check or money order.
- To pay in person, bring a check, money order or credit card and this decision to any OATH Hearings Division location between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- To pay online using a credit or debit card, go to www.nyc.gov/citypay/oath

If you do not pay the penalty, the City may: (1) file papers with the Civil Court ("docket a judgment"), (2) charge you a late fee, and (3) continue attempts to collect the debt.

CAN I DO COMMUNITY SERVICE?

If your summons is for the type of offense that gives you a Community Service option you can choose to complete Community Service instead of paying a penalty. Your decision will give you that option. You have to complete your Community Service by the deadline in the decision or else you will end up owing the penalty. You can even do your Community Service on the day you receive your decision.

COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Help Center will arrange for you to complete your Community Service. The Help Center is run by the Ombudsperson/*Pro Se* Clerk at OATH and is located at each Hearing Division in all five boroughs. To schedule your Community Service, call, email or visit a Help Center location.

How to Contact the Help Center to Schedule Community Service:

Manhattan: (212) 436-0845 CSmanhattan@oath.nyc.gov
Brooklyn: (718) 923-6216 CSbrooklyn@oath.nyc.gov
Queens: (718) 393-6044 CSqueens@oath.nyc.gov
Bronx: (718) 503-5565 CSbronx@oath.nyc.gov
Staten Island: (718) 876-2314 CSstatenisland@oath.nyc.gov

If you complete your Community Service by the deadline in the decision, you will receive a Certificate of Completion and will not have to pay a penalty. If you need an extension to complete your Community Service, please contact the Help Center.

If you do not complete your Community Service by the deadline, you will have to pay the penalty.

NON-DISCLOSURE FOR SUMMONSES ELIGIBLE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

If you either completed the Community Service or paid the penalty, OATH will remove your identifying information from public records related to your case.

If you do not complete the Community Service or pay the penalty, your identifying information may remain on public records related to your case.

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE DECISION, YOU MAY APPEAL IT

To submit your appeal, you **MUST** use OATH's online or mail-in appeal forms available on OATH's website at www.nyc.gov/oath/appeal. Instructions for filing an appeal may be found on the form and OATH's website.

Your appeal **MUST** be received by the OATH Hearings Division **within 30 days** of the decision date, or 35 days if the decision was mailed to you.

To appeal you **may need** to pay the full penalty stated in this decision.

- If you cannot pay because of financial hardship, you may ask to not pre-pay by submitting with your appeal a Financial Hardship Application, available on OATH's website.
- If you are eligible and choose to perform Community Service instead of paying the penalty, you do not have to pay the penalty or complete the Community Service to appeal.

APPEAL BY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

If you wish to answer an appeal filed by an enforcement agency, you **MUST** use OATH's Response To Appeal form. Instructions for filing an answer may be found on the form and OATH's website.

Your answer must be received **within 30 days** of the date of the enforcement agency's appeal, or 35 days if it was mailed to you.

If the enforcement agency wins the appeal, you may have to pay a penalty or, if eligible, complete Community Service even if your case was originally dismissed after the hearing.

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