



OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIALS AND HEARINGS

Hearings Division

Decision

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Summons# : 000606447K et al. (1 summonses)

DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

-against-

CITYWIDE CONTAINER SERVICE

Hearing Date : 10/1/2025

Hearing Location : Remote

Type of Hearing : By Telephone

Total Penalty Amount : 800.00

Community Service(Hr): Not Applicable

SUMMONS #	SUMMARY DISPOSITION	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	PLACE OF OCCURRENCE
000606447K	Sustained	06/13/2025	107 West 68th St., Manhattan

LINE ITEM	OATH CODE	CODE SECTION / RULE	RESULT	PENALTY
1	BABL	24-146(B)	Sustained	800.00

Total Penalty for Summons: 800.00

Findings of Facts & Conclusions of Law

Nora Brown the authorized representative of the Respondent CITYWIDE CONTAINER SERVICE appeared at today's hearing.

Andy Guzman appeared for the Petitioner, the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Respondent is charged with dust allowed to become airborne.

Inspector Guzman produced photographs, two underlying summonses, a complaint report, and proof of service made a part of this file.

A video was exchanged and viewed by all parties.

Ms. Brown argued the video depicts a hose and puddles under the truck.

The inspector stated the hose is not in active use. He stated when there is uncontrolled dust as depicted, the hose needs to be in actual use.

Upon review of the video flying dust is depicted.

Although there appears to be hose on a side of the truck, puddles are not clearly depicted.

I credit the sworn observations of the Petitioner and find dust was impermissibly allowed to become airborne.

Ms. Brown stated one of the underlying summonses has yet to be adjudicated.

Inspector Brown could offer no dispute that one of the underlying summonses has yet to be adjudicated.

As such, this matter will be treated as a second offense.

Accordingly, I find the Respondent in violation and impose the second offense statutory penalty.



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Steven Epstein, 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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