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SANITATION DEPT HEARINGS ON REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING BAN ON "THROWAWAY" CIRCULARS

Queens Civic Congress recommends concerned residents testify or submit comments on proposed regulations to implement the ban on unwanted throwaway circulars passed by State Assembly Member Mark Weprin and State Senator Frank Padavan. QCC President Corey B. Bearak noted the Wednesday, June 4, 9:30, a.m. - 12:30 p.m., hearing on proposed regulations "governing the distribution of advertisements on private property" at the NYC Department of Sanitation, 125 Worth Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium. Written comments may be sent to the office of the Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs, NYC Department of Sanitation, 125 Worth Street, Room 710, New York, New York 10013 on or before the hearing. The Weprin-Padavan law mandates a penalty for such littering ranging from \$250 up to \$1,000.

The proposed Litter Law [rules](http://home.nyc.gov/html/dsny/downloads/pdf/rules/noa/lawnlitterrule.pdf) (see: <http://home.nyc.gov/html/dsny/downloads/pdf/rules/noa/lawnlitterrule.pdf>), require homeowners to submit a notarized affidavit together with the throwaway circulars to the Director of Enforcement c/o Lawn Litter, NYC Department of Sanitation, 1824 Shore Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11214. Queens Civic Congress received preliminary complaints from member organizations who follow this issue, explained Mr. Bearak. "Civic leaders expressed concern that the proposed complaint process would discourage some homeowners from making a complaint." The proposed regulations involve the homeowner downloading a complaint affidavit form or to call 3-1-1 for one. The need to notarize the form and mail it together with the literature deposited to DOS in Brooklyn, and then be available to attend a hearing, if the adjudicating officer asks for an appearance to testify.

"Queens Civic Congress wants a law with teeth, not a toothless tiger," stated Bearak who expects to propose some remedies to encourage rather than discourage complaints. "The point of the Weprin-Padavan law is to induce distributors to abide by the law and not throw trash on our porches, walks and front yards. Queens Civic Congress believes a few simple tweaks will enable to DOS regulations to better reflect the intent of the law: Providing a pre-addressed pre-stamped envelope or a downloadable mailing label that includes postage; Require a notarized affidavit as an alternative to in-person testimony; As with illegal posterage, deploy Sanitation Enforcement Agents to complaint locations to collect affidavits and the illegal throwaway material; and require any hearing needing a witness be held in the home borough, or the borough the complainant works in (upon request)."

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