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BUSINESS INTEGRITY COMMISSION APPROVES FIRST MICRO-HAULER TRADE WASTE LICENSE TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE WASTE HAULERS

The Business Integrity Commission, the City agency that regulates the commercial waste industry as well as the City's public wholesale markets, approved the first micro-hauler license for a small-scale, environmentally conscious waste hauler.

NEW YORK – This week the New York City Business Integrity Commission (“BIC”) approved the first of a new type of trade waste license for an organic waste micro-hauler. Involving micro-haulers in commercial garbage collection is a crucial step towards reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills and advancing the administration’s environmental priorities. About one third of the New York City’s waste stream comes from organics like food scraps that, when taken to landfills, emit harmful methane emissions.

BIC developed this sub-class of trade waste license in recognition of the importance of small-scale, community organics organizations, commonly referred to as “micro-haulers.” Currently, more than 280 companies hold BIC licenses to haul waste from commercial establishments in New York City. The micro-hauler application provides an avenue for these organizations to participate in the commercial waste hauling industry while lowering the barrier to entry by offering significantly reduced fees and a streamlined application, compared to the BIC license application required of traditional private carters. Micro-haulers offer an alternative to traditional waste collection by relying on bicycles or zero emissions vehicles to conduct their operations. Entities that fit the micro-hauler definition can submit an [application](#) to BIC at any time to seek approval for hauling waste from businesses.

“This administration is committed to finding more efficient, effective ways to rethink our approach to how we handle commercial waste, so we can improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers while reaching our sustainability goals,” said **Mayor Adams**. “Micro-haulers play a vital role in our city’s waste collection system, and this new license will ensure the city is working in close partnership with them to reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfills.”

“BIC is committed to working with DSNY towards the shared goal of a more efficient system for commercial waste. Finding new ways to divert organics from landfills is vitally important,” said **BIC Commissioner and Chair Elizabeth Crotty**. “Micro-haulers are in their communities creating composting programs and working with New Yorkers to achieve a more sustainable system. BIC

recognizes the unique characteristics of these organizations and the important role they have to play in meeting our city’s environmental goals.”

“Keeping organic waste out of landfills should be as easy as possible, and this new licensing process for smaller, often neighborhood-based organic waste haulers will empower historically ignored communities to expand the work they do to fight the climate crisis,” said **Jessica S. Tisch, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Sanitation.**

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