

UPCOMING CHANGE

Places of Assembly: Local Law 2 of 2013

New requirements for Places of Assembly go in effect on May 7, 2013. [Local Law 2 of 2013](#) will affect all new and existing PA spaces (where more than 75 people gather indoors or more than 200 people gather outdoors).

Changes Under LL2/13

- **Place of Assembly Certificate of Operation (PACO):** The Department of Buildings will issue a new PACO for all new and existing places of assembly. The new PACO will not have an expiration date.
- **PA Permit:** The Fire Department will issue a new PA Permit that will expire annually; renewal will be based upon the FDNY's annual inspection. A PA Permit will be required one year from the Department of Building's PACO issue date.
- **Posting Requirement:** The PACO and PA Permit must be conspicuously posted; the plans approved by the Department of Buildings must be available at the PA location.

Required Amendments and Applications

An amendment to a PACO must be filed with the Department of Buildings borough office where the space is located when there is:

- Any physical change that requires an alteration permit from the Department of Buildings; *and/or*
- Any amendment to the plan for seating and other moveable furnishings; *and/or*
- Any change in the establishment's name.

A new PA application must be filed to obtain a new PACO when there are changes to:

- Zoning Use Group; or
- Assembly Use Group; or
- 2008 NYC Building Code Assembly Group A1 – A5.

Any PACO issued before the [Buildings Information System](#) was implemented must submit a new PA application for any of the above changes. (This applies to PACOs with job numbers containing less than nine digits.)