# BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION LAW: IMPLEMENTATION, TIMELINE & FILING

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**



This course will provide an overview of NYC's Building Electrification Law (LL154/2021), including what types of applications are affected, deadlines, and filing details. Participants will gain an understanding of the compliance requirements and filing specifics.

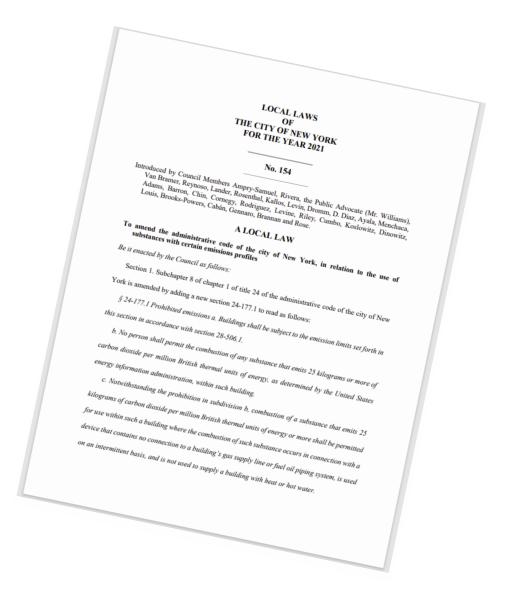
#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES



At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- explain the provisions of the law, including which fuels are prohibited from onsite combustion
- review the components of the law and be able to explain which types of buildings need to comply and by when, including the applicability to affordable housing
- review the exceptions to the law and be able to explain what types of buildings and specific spaces fit the exception criteria
- review the specifications associated with filing an application.

- LL154/2021 was signed by Mayor de Blasio
  - Not to be confused with LL154/2016 requirement to notify DOB of gas service shut off
- NYC Building Electrification Law



#### NYC BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION LAW

- NYC will become the largest city in the world to phase out fossil fuel usage in new buildings
  - Number of new buildings are approximately 1,000 3,000 per year
  - Most new buildings are one- and two-family homes; with approximately 200 additional that are > or = 7 stories
- These new buildings will largely be all-electric and emit less carbon
  - Improving local air quality while continuing to provide occupant comfort
- Phasing in of requirements beginning with smaller low-rise buildings
- Allows more time for affordable housing buildings
- Encourages the use of high-performance technologies like induction stoves for cooking and heat pumps for heating, cooling and hot water

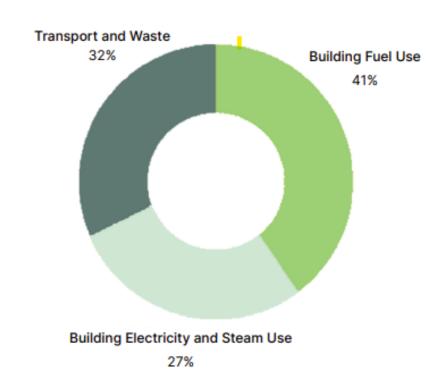


#### NYC BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION LAW

- Over 40% of NYC carbon emissions come from fossil fuel furnaces, boilers and hot water heaters
- With a service life of approximately 20 years, the impact lasts a long time
- Space heating and hot water electrification reduces emissions upon installation and the expectation is that those emissions reductions would get better as the grid becomes greener

#### **New York City GHG Emission Sources**

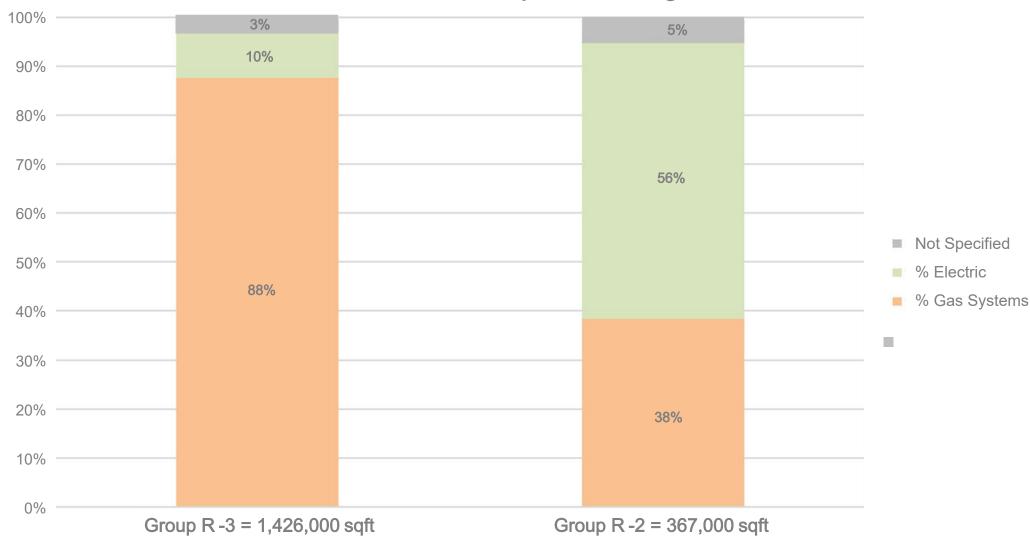
On-site fossil fuels are NYC's largest source of carbon



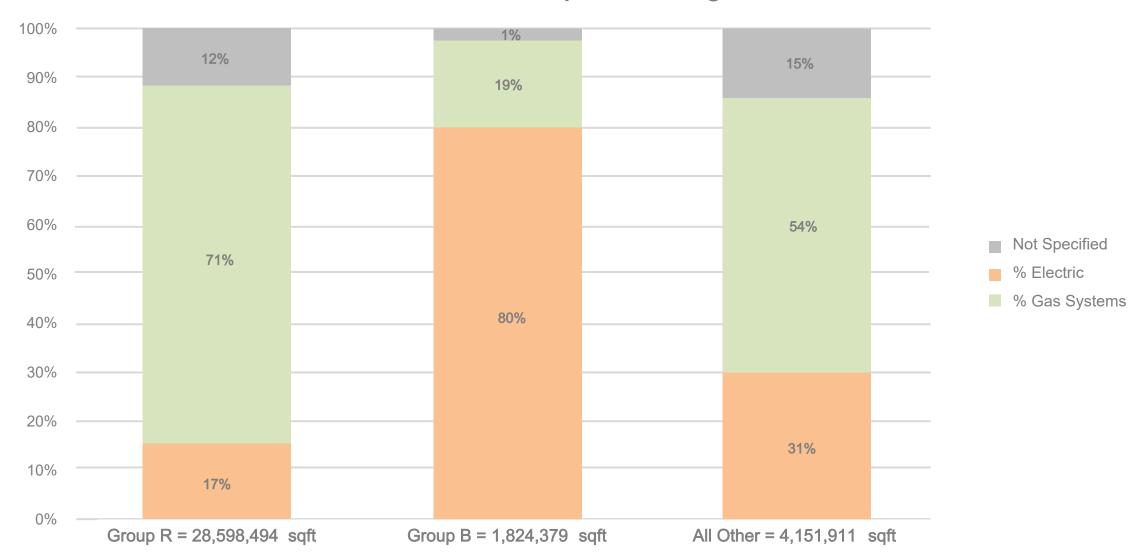
Source: 2019 NYC GHG Inventory



## NEW CONSTRUCTION, RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS 3 -STORIES OR LESS: Gas vs. Electric Space Heating



# NEW CONSTRUCTION – COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS: Gas vs. Electric Space Heating



- Portions of the law are contained in two sections of the City's Administrative Code
  - Title 24 (NYC Air Pollution Control Code, administered by DEP) sets the limit and the fines
  - Title 28 (NYC Construction Codes, administered by DOB) sets scope



- From Title 24 (NYC Air Pollution Control Code, administered by DEP)
  - §24-177.1 Prohibited emissions
    - a. Buildings shall be subject to the emission limits set forth in this section in accordance with Section 28-506.1
    - b. No person shall permit the combustion of any substance that emits 25 kilograms or more of carbon dioxide per million British thermal units of energy, as determined by the United States energy information administration, within such building.
    - c. Notwithstanding the prohibition in subdivision b, combustion of a substance that emits 25 kilograms of carbon dioxide per million British thermal units of energy or more shall be permitted for use within such a building where the combustion of such substance occurs in connection with a device that contains no connection to a building's gas supply line or fuel oil piping system, is used on an intermittent basis, and is not used to supply a building with heat or hot water.



- From Title 28 (NYC Construction Codes, administered by DOB)
  - §28-506.1 New buildings shall be subject to the emissions limits set forth in section 24-177.1. The commissioner shall not approve an application for the approval of construction documents, nor issue any permit in connection therewith, for a new building that does not comply with section 24-177.1
    - Prohibits on-site combustion of fuels that emit more than 25kg CO₂/MMBTU
    - APPLIES ONLY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION
      - Section 101.4.5 of the Administrative Code covers alterations that must be filed as New Buildings (Buildings Bulletin 2016-012) – aka ALT-CO New Building with Existing Elements to Remain

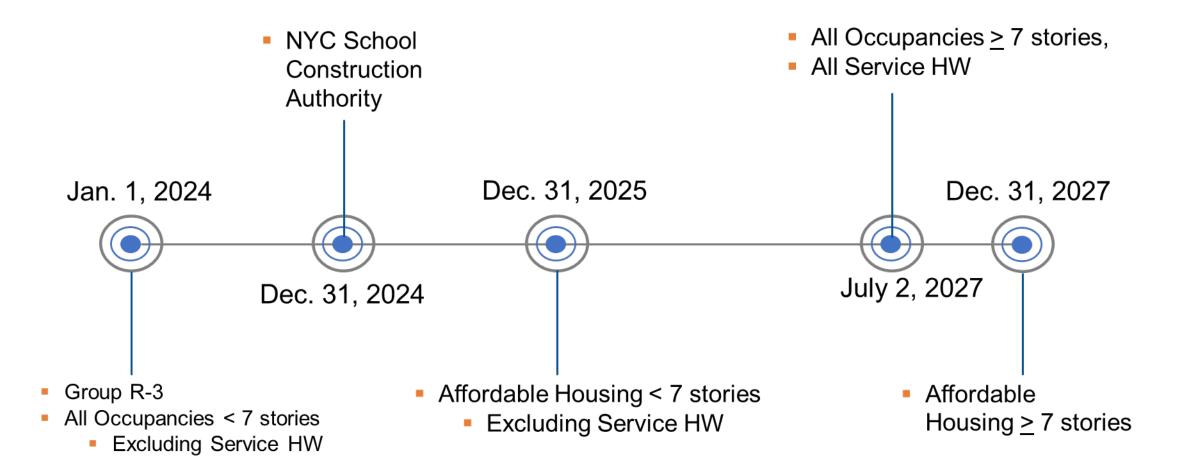


#### EXCEPTIONS

- Buildings used by a regulated utility for energy generation
- Buildings operated by DEP for the treatment of sewage or food waste
- Spaces within buildings in which fossil fuels are necessary for a manufacturing use or purpose:
  - Laboratories
  - Laundromats
  - Hospitals and Crematoria
  - Commercial Kitchens
  - For emergency or standby power



#### LL 154/2021 COMPLIANCE DATES



#### Affordable Housing

 50% or more of the units are subject to a regulatory agreement, restrictive declaration, or similar instrument with a federal, state, or local government entity or instrumentality for the creation or preservation of affordable housing.



## STUDIES

- Building Electrification and Heat Pumps
  - Centralized air source heat pumps with storage tanks
  - Ground source heat pumps and multi-source heat pumps
  - Solar thermal with storage tanks and air source heat pumps; and
  - On-demand electric water heaters, both with tank and tankless, whichever is applicable based on building



#### STUDIES

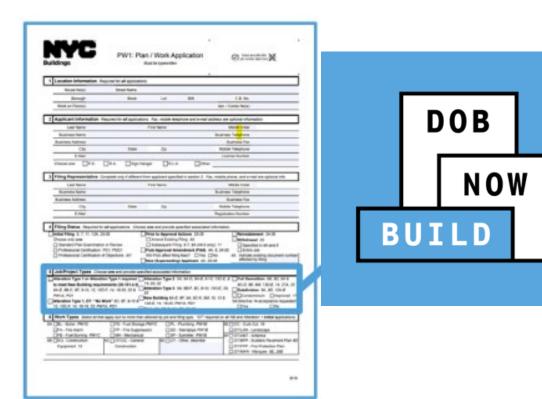
#### Building Electrification and Grid Reliability and Resiliency

- Current and projected 2030 load for both winter and summer
  - Identification of factors that may affect demand
  - Specific recommendations regarding capacity to meet projected demand
  - Actions to be taken
- Projected 2030 transmission electricity flows into Zone J of the NYISO electrical grid
- Projected 2030 load due to anticipated electrification
- Opportunities for incentivizing
- · Recommendations for improved infrastructure coordination and planning



#### FILING DETAILS

- NB and Alt-CO New Building with existing elements to remain to be filed in DOB NOW: Build
- Probability that there will be changes to the PW1 and/or the initial filing for specific work types



#### LL 154 of 2021 TAKEAWAYS

- Only for new construction or large alterations
  - NOT EXISTING BUILDINGS
- Dates of applicability depend on the submitted date
  - Determined by NB/I-1 date
    - Not applicable to 'pre-filed'
    - 'in objection' status is ok
- affordable housing given more time to comply
- there are exceptions for certain uses







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