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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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INTRODUCTION

About this Guide

The *Obtaining and Viewing a Permit or Letter of Approval (LOA)* User Guide is designed to assist customers with the steps necessary to obtain a Permit or LOA and view existing Permits and LOAs on FDNY Business.

Permits and LOAs can be requested and viewed from any computer with an Internet connection. (Applications cannot currently be completed on mobile devices.)

Permits and LOAs WILL NO LONGER be provided via US Mail. These documents will now be issued via email to the Permit/LOA Contact on the Inspection Record and will be available under Supporting Documents tab on your FDNY Business Account.

Numbers in the images will assist you in following the instructions. For example, 1 indicates your first action, 2 indicates your second action, etc.

For additional assistance, dial 311 and ask for FDNY Business Support or send an email to [FDNY.BusinessSupport@FDNY.nyc.gov](mailto:FDNY.BusinessSupport@FDNY.nyc.gov).
1. OBTAINING A PERMIT OR LOA

A Permit or Letter of Approval (LOA) document authorizes use of device/equipment and/or occupancy as per the New York City Fire Code and other laws, rules, and regulations enacted for the protection of the public. The New York City Fire Code requires that the Permit or LOA be posted in a conspicuous location on the premises at all times and be readily available for inspection by any representative of the Department. A Permit or LOA will only be issued by FDNY after the following conditions are met:

- An Inspection has been approved
- There are no outstanding violations
- There is no outstanding balance on your account

Once the above conditions have been met, your Permit or LOA will be sent via email to the Permit/LOA Contact and available on your FDNY Business account.

Permits and LOAs will be released for your account and emailed to you once the payment has been received and settled. For Permits, this may take approximately fourteen (14) days.

2. VIEWING A PERMIT OR LOA ON FDNY BUSINESS

You can view any current Permit(s) or LOA(s) that have been issued for your account on FDNY Business. You can access your Permit/LOA on FDNY Business by following the below steps:

NOTE #1: You will be able to view Permits and LOAs issued after September 7, 2021. If you need a copy of a previously issued Permit/LOA please contact FDNY Business Support.

NOTE #2: If you have a Legacy (FPIMS) account and have had an Inspection but have not yet received a Permit/LOA, you must link it to your FDNY Business account. If you need instructions on how to request a PIN to link your Record with your FDNY Business account, please see the Request a PIN & Linking an Inspection Record to Your NYC ID User Guide.
Step 1. Create Your NYC ID Account and/or Log In to FDNY Business

If you do not have an NYC ID, go to Register for an Account to create your account. On the Create Account page, enter the required information. Then, click to “check” the checkbox to accept the NYC ID Terms of Use and click the Create Account button. See Figure 1.

Fig. 1: NYC ID — Create Your Account

Once you have created your account — or if you already have an account — you may begin by clicking the Login button on the FDNY Business Home Page. See Figure 2.

Fig. 2: Click ‘Login’
Enter your Email Address (your NYC ID) and Password. Then, click the Log In button. See Figure 3.

**Step 2. Review Account Status**

After login, you will be brought to the My Account page. Click on My Records to view a list of all the records on your account. See Figure 4.
Under services, check to ensure there are no violations and no payments due against your account/record.

In the example below, a Permit or LOA will not be issued because the Inspection Record (highlighted in “yellow”) has a Status of “In Violation.” This indicates that you have one or more open violations that must be addressed before you can receive your Permit or LOA.

Follow the instructions on the Violation you received at the time of inspection to correct the issue. For instructions on how to view Summonses and Violations on your FDNY Business Account, please see the Access and View Enforcement Information User Guide.

A Permit or LOA will also not be issued if the Action is “Pay,” which indicates there is a balance due. You will need to pay for the Inspection before you can receive your Permit or LOA.

For instructions on how to make a payment online on FDNY Business, please see the Online Payments and Refunds User Guide.

NOTE: If you don’t see your account under My Records, you must link your account with your FDNY Business account. If you need instructions on how to request a PIN to link your Record with your FDNY Business account, please see the Request a PIN & Linking an Inspection Record to Your NYC ID User Guide.

Fig 5: ‘In Violation’ Inspection Record
In the next example below, the Inspection has been “Approved” and an **LOA** has been issued. This is indicated by the **Status**, “LOA Active.” Additionally, there is no balance due since there is no “Pay” link.

![Image](image_url)

**Fig 6: ‘Approved’ Inspection Record**

**Step 3. View Permit/LOA Contact**

The Permit/LOA Contact is specific to each **Record** on your FDNY Business account. To view the Permit/LOA Contact on an Inspection Record, click on an Inspection Record from the **My Records** screen.

![Image](image_url)

**Fig 7: Opening the Inspection Record**
Scroll down to the Record Details section. Click on the arrow next to More Details and click on the box next to Related Contacts. You will see the Permit/LOA Contact Information. If this Contact is missing or needs to be updated, you will need to contact FDNY Business Support by dialing 311 or send an email to FDNY.BusinessSupport@FDNY.nyc.gov for assistance.

**NOTE:** Permit/LOA is sent via email only to Permit/LOA Contact listed in your account.

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**Step 4. Viewing Permits or LOAs**

To view the LOA, click on the Record Number link for the Inspection Record. See Figure 8.

![Fig 8: Opening the Inspection Record](image-url)
On the Inspection Record page, to view the LOA, click on the Record Info drop-down. Then, click on “Supporting Documents.” See Figure 9.

Click on the link for the LOA to open it. See Figure 10.
You will see a pop-up on the bottom of your screen. Click Open. See Figure 11.

**Fig 11: Open the LOA**

The **LOA** will be displayed. See Figure 12.

**Fig 12: Sample LOA**

**NOTE:** There are no changes to the business process of issuance of Permit/LOA based on the Inspection conducted.
If you were issued a **Permit**, follow the same instructions as above to view the **Permit** via the Supporting Documents link on the Inspection Record. A sample Permit is displayed below:

![Sample Permit](image)

**Fig 13: Sample Permit**

If you do not see a Permit or LOA under your Supporting Documents, have no balance and no violations, please contact FDNY Business Support by dialing 311 and ask for FDNY Business Support or send an email to [FDNY.BusinessSupport@FDNY.nyc.gov](mailto:FDNY.BusinessSupport@FDNY.nyc.gov).