

Report and Advisory Board Review Commission

January 11, 2023

Improving government efficiency by
streamlining the City's reporting and advisory
board requirements



Welcome, Introductory Remarks, & Agenda

Welcome

- Commission Introductions:
 - Voting Members
 - Mayor's Office of Operations
 - City Council
 - Law Department
 - OTI (DoITT)
 - OMB
 - Advisory Members
 - DORIS
 - Chief Efficiency Officer
- Remarks from the Chair

Agenda

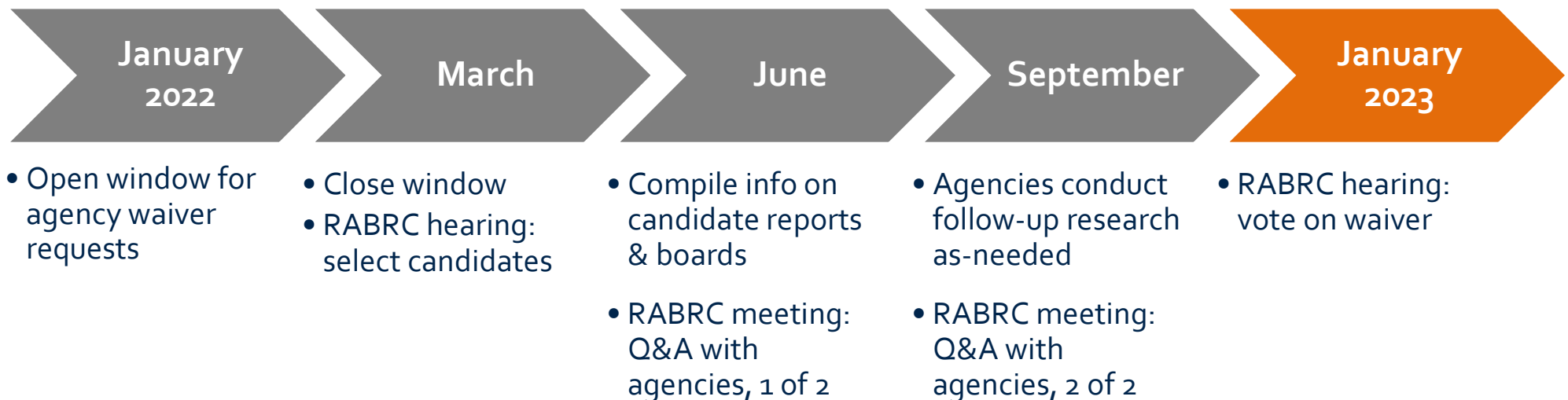
1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks
2. Work to Date
3. 2022 Waiver Candidate Finalists
4. Outreach to Advocates
5. Public Comment
6. Discussion and Vote
7. Next Steps



Work to Date

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- 2021 Cycle: 6 waivers passed by RABRC in Dec. 2021
 - City Council approved 4 of 6 waivers in April 2022 vote
- 2022 Cycle:
 - 3 meetings to date: previewed 62 report candidates, discussed commissioner feedback for all candidates
 - Met with Mayors Office of Appointments to solicit board recommendations
 - Set agenda for today's vote (waiver candidate finalists)





2022 Cycle: Waiver Candidate Finalists

2022 Finalists

- Of 62 report waiver candidates received, 8 are up for vote today:

Agency	Report Name
BIC	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Shipboard Gambling ReportReport on Other Public Wholesale MarketsSeafood Distribution Areas/ Fulton Fish Market Report
OTI	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Monthly Report on Directory Assistance CallsMonthly Report on Service Request Calls
DOT	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Neighborhood Slow Zones Report
DOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Article 214 Closings Report
MOCS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Small Purchases Report

2022 Finalists

Agency	Report Name	Source
BIC	Shipboard Gambling Report	Admin. Code § 20-9017

- **Background:** The New York city gambling control commission is now the purview of the Business Integrity Commission. This commission is required to submit an annual report detailing its activities relating to shipboard gambling applications.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
 - **Irrelevant:** Report is antiquated. It was created at a time when shipboard gambling was popular. However, due to factors including a substantial application fee, poor customer experience onboard small boats in open waters, and the increased availability of numerous other gambling options, the City has not received a single application for shipboard gambling in over 20 years. The Agency does not expect these circumstances to change materially in the future and thus does not expect an influx of applications.

2022 Finalists

Agency	Report Name	Source
BIC	Report on Other Public Wholesale Markets	Admin. Code § 22-269

- **Background:** Public markets in New York City are now the jurisdiction of the Business Integrity Commission, which is currently responsible for this reporting requirement. The report generally covers criminal activity at markets.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
 - **Irrelevant:** BIC’s mission is to eliminate organized criminal activity from the industries it regulates, and it has successfully reduced the influence of organized crime since this reporting requirement was passed. BIC’s licensing and regulatory structure continues to ensure that organized crime’s historical grip on the wholesale food markets does not return. Given BIC’s successes in this area, the need for the information specified by this reporting requirement is markedly less than when it was enacted. The change in circumstances at the City’s wholesale markets suggests that the report would not be of much importance to the public or affected interest groups.
 - **Duplicative:** The MMR contains data on criminal violations issued at public wholesale markets.

2022 Finalists

Agency	Report Name	Source
BIC	Seafood Distribution Areas/ Fulton Fish Market Report	Admin. Code § 22-226

- **Background:** Fulton Fish Market and other public markets in New York City are now the jurisdiction of the Business Integrity Commission, which is currently responsible for this reporting requirement. The report generally covers criminal activity at these markets.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
 - **Irrelevant:** BIC’s mission is to eliminate organized criminal activity from the industries it regulates, and it has successfully reduced the influence of organized crime since this reporting requirement was passed. BIC’s licensing and regulatory structure continues to ensure that organized crime’s historical grip on the wholesale food markets does not return. Given BIC’s successes in this area, the need for the information specified by this reporting requirement is markedly less than when it was enacted. The Fulton Fish Market is now located at an enclosed facility in the Bronx, and not on public streets in lower Manhattan.
 - **Duplicative:** The MMR contains data on criminal violations issued at public wholesale markets. It does not specifically break out the Fulton Fish Market.

2022 Finalists

Agency	Report Name	Source
OTI	Monthly Report on Directory Assistance Calls	Charter § 1075(c)

- **Background:** OTI is required to submit a monthly report about directory assistance calls by category received by 311.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
 - **Duplicative:** This report's required information is included in a publicly available data set which is updated daily on the NYC Open Data portal. This data has been viewed and downloaded tens of thousands of times, and 311 data in general is some of the most popular on NYC Open Data. Manually exporting this information once a month and sharing stale data on an additional NYC.gov web page serves little additional purpose. OTI fulfills the spirit of the law by publishing a live data feed with an Application Programming Interface (API), robust data dictionary, and a variety of visualization tools built into NYC Open Data.
 - **Cost > Benefit:** It is not an effective use of resources to generate a redundant and stale report that requires employee time to process and does not result in any other benefit to the City.

2022 Finalists

Agency	Report Name	Source
OTI	Monthly Report on Service Request Calls	Charter § 1075(b)

- **Background:** OTI is required to submit a monthly report about requests for service by category and resolution status received by 311.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
 - **Duplicative:** The information required in this report is included in a publicly available data set which is updated daily on the NYC Open Data portal. The report metrics can be calculated from this dataset. These data have been viewed and downloaded many tens of thousands of times, and 311 data in general is some of the most popular on NYC Open Data. Manually exporting this information once a month and sharing stale data on an additional NYC.gov web page serves no reasonable purpose. OTI fulfills the spirit of the law by publishing a live data feed with an API, robust data dictionary, and a variety of visualization tools built into NYC Open Data.
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Agency	Report Name	Source
DOT	Neighborhood Slow Zones Report	Admin. Code § 19-177(d)(2)

- **Background:** DOT is required to submit an annual report on neighborhood slow zones, including a review of whether zones have minimized the risk of traffic crashes, critical injuries or death, and a determination of whether the department shall continue with Slow Zones.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
 - **Irrelevant:** Neighborhood slow zones were designated areas covering at least five blocks where speed limits were set at 20 miles per hour. The first pilot was launched in 2011 and the program expanded in 2013. However, the City successfully launched a Citywide 25 mile per hour speed limit in late 2014, which superseded the Slow Zone efforts. Vision Zero (VZ) priority corridors have replaced slow zones as areas of priority for street safety improvements. The outdated nature of the requirement makes this report irrelevant.
 - **Duplicative:** While neighborhood slow zones have been discontinued, efforts to make streets safer have ramped up and there are several different reports that describe these efforts. Vision Zero priority corridors and interventions are described in detail within the VZ annual report and pedestrian safety action plans.

2022 Finalists

Agency	Report Name	Source
DOB	Article 214 Closings Report	Admin. Code § 28-214.1.6

- **Background:** DOB is required to publish an annual report detailing building closures issued under Article 214 of the Administrative Code. It must include the number of closings made in the previous year, the locations of such closings, and the nature and use of the premises closed.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
 - **Irrelevant:** DOB does not presently use Article 214 to issue orders to seal, secure, and close, and has not used Article 214 for these actions in recent history. DOB instead relies on provisions in Chapter 28 Article 216 to issue building closures due to its broader scope. The Department regularly publishes a “nothing to report” letter to comply with this reporting requirement.

2022 Finalists

Agency	Report Name	Source
MOCS	Small Purchase Report	Admin. Code § 314(b)

- **Background:** MOCS is required to publish a quarterly report and database on small purchases, including detail on vendors, amounts, and type of goods and services provided.
- **Rationale for Waiver:**
 - **Duplicative:** The information required of the report can be found in both Checkbook NYC and PASSPort Public.
 - **Cost > Benefit:** This report involves approximately 40 hours of MOCS staff resources as well as upwards of 10-15 hours of staff work from large agencies. Waiving this report would result in major time savings by MOCS and other agencies, which currently requires coordination across multiple internal teams and several City agencies.



Public Comment



Discussion and Vote

2022 Cycle Vote

- Commissioner comments & discussion
- Review of the draft waiver determination and resolution
- Commission vote



Next Steps

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- Finalize waiver determination
 - Signed resolution submitted to Mayor, Speaker of City Council, & City Clerk
 - City Council has 120 days to review and approve/ disapprove
 - If no disapproval resolution, waivers stand
 - Council disapproval resolution is subject to Mayoral veto
- Preparing for 2023 cycle
 - Notify agencies of 2022 cycle outcome
 - Open 2023 agency submission form
 - Advisory boards – DM submissions from MOA outreach