



How the “City of Yes” is Creating Affordable Housing, Promoting Sustainability and Growing Small Business in New York City

*NYMTC's September 26th Brown Bag Webinar to Feature
Frank Ruchala Jr., Zoning Director, NYC Department of City Planning*

WHAT:

Recent, major changes to New York City's zoning regulations that support small business, create affordable housing, and promote carbon neutrality will be discussed during a free, [NYMTC](#)-sponsored webinar on **Thursday, September 26th** from noon – 1 p.m. The webinar – [“Creating Opportunities for Housing, Small Business, and Sustainability in New York City”](#) – will be given by the New York City Department of City Planning (NYCDP) and is open to the public.

For the past two years, the NYCDP has been modernizing and updating the city's zoning regulations as part of city government's vision for a more inclusive, equitable “City of Yes.” “City of Yes” aims to expand and diversify the city's housing supply, remove outdated limitations on businesses, support thriving commercial centers and retail streets, and promote efforts that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the city by 2050.

WHO:

Frank Ruchala Jr., Zoning Director at the New York City Department of City Planning (NYCDP).

WHEN:

Thursday, Sept. 26th from Noon through 1:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Join NYMTC's webinar virtually

Webinar Link: <https://bit.ly/4bZVZ6I>

Meeting ID: 161 834 9505

Password: BBZCZ09262024

Phone #: 518-549-0500

MEDIA ATTENDEES:

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