



Friday Fast Facts "Get Sheds Down" 08/11/2023

Back in late July, Mayor Eric Adams announced a "Get Sheds Down" plan to control sidewalks and scaffolding in New York City. With approximately 9,000 active, permitted construction sheds up across NYC, some of which have been up for over 6 years, this plan will expedite building façade repairs so construction sheds won't linger on sidewalks for years. Nearly 400 miles of sheds across NYC take up public space and deters people from businesses with scaffolding in front of them. This plan will increase penalties as construction sheds occupy

Other goals of this plan include:

- Expanding the use of safety netting
- Improving the aesthetics of existing sheds
- Supporting legislation that would implement monthly penalties to owners delaying repairs.

Shed permits will have a timespan of 90 days moving forward, down from the 12 months previously allowed. Owners in those central business districts could be fined \$10,000 if they have a shed up and have failed to file a repair application within three months, get work permits within six months or finish their repairs within two years. These penalties would start 90 days after the shed gets its permit and be capped at \$6,000 per month. All five boroughs will be effected by these new rules.

For decades, the rules governing construction sheds have incentivized property owners to leave them up for long periods of time instead of completing critical façade work that is often the reason the shed is up in the first place. As a result, New Yorkers are stuck with approximately 9,000 active, permitted construction sheds with an average age of nearly 500 days and spanning more than 2 million linear feet, or nearly 400 miles, about 3 percent of the city's sidewalk space.

The plan also includes the creation of a low-interest loan program to provide support to small property owners who lack resources to complete the work.

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