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To Commercial Waste Zones stakeholders:

I am writing to provide an update on the Commercial Waste Zones Program in light of the COVID-19 situation. In New York City and around the world, our way of life has been altered in ways that were unimaginable just a few weeks ago. Businesses of all types have been affected by the pandemic, including many that have been temporarily shuttered. The ripple effects through our economy have not spared the private carting industry, which now faces financial and operational disruptions due to the temporary closure of many of their customers.

In our most recent public information session, DSNY presented an implementation timeline that indicated new proposed rules would be published in March and April 2020. That timeline also indicated that the Commercial Waste Zones RFP would be released in late spring of 2020.

However, it is now inevitable that the schedule be delayed as a result of the state of emergency that has consumed our city and the economic disruptions that have affected this industry. At this time, we are delaying our implementation schedule by at least one month. We will provide another update in April, once we have a better understanding of the implications of this crisis on our city and on this industry.

Despite this delay, DSNY remains fully committed to implementing commercial waste zones and carrying out our legal mandate under Local Law 199 of 2019. We will persevere through this difficult time, and we will fulfill our commitment to create a safe and efficient commercial waste industry in New York City. If you have any questions, please contact DSNY's Commercial Waste Director, Justin Bland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Garcia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kathryn Garcia