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Complying with NYC's sweeping Local Law 97 requires stakeholders to be aware of the intricate details of this regulation.

Henson Architecture specializes in helping clients to navigate the multiple layers of historic preservation, sustainable retrofit, and carbon reduction—all in line with Local Law 97.

In this article, we explain the overview of Local Law 97 compliance, with a focus on how stakeholders can fulfill stringent carbon requirements via services, training, and environmental systems management.

By delivering the knowledge property stakeholders need, we help them transition sustainably, reduce emissions, and keep fines low and preserve valuable architecture.

### # The Importance of Compliance in NYC

Compliance, for most building owners, is not just administrative.

Emissions limits in the law drive owners toward investments in retrofits, smarter management, and clean energy adoption.

Missing these new GHG emissions limits risks escalating financial penalties.

Building owners who take a proactive approach and undertake detailed retrofits and commissioning position themselves to gain savings and increase property values.

Through city and NYSERDA funding, owners get financial support and access to training, streamlining the sustainability transition.

### # Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting: What Owners Need to Know

One of the most critical parts of compliance is filing the required greenhouse gas emissions report each year.

This required report ensures honest updates on how buildings progress each year on emission limits.

Emissions reporting means detailing all energy usage per system across most buildings.

Reliable reporting often calls for state-of-the-art platforms that make data collection and reporting seamless.

At Henson Architecture, we provide owners with help in installing modern monitoring and reporting systems, making compliance data collection easier.

Our programs cover data collection skills, deadlines for submission, and emission reduction strategies.

### # Training for Ongoing Compliance and Owner Success

Owners need to see compliance as ongoing, rather than a momentary goal.

Owners and their teams must stay ahead by growing their skills for evolving laws and best practices.

Our team provides training programs that give owners and managers the tools to master reporting, compliance, system management, and commissioning practices.

Well-designed training increases management capability for compliance, keeps systems in top shape, and ensures reduced emissions keep going.

With Local Law 97, management must prioritize certification, be proactive with system retrofits, and stay ahead of possible fines.

### # Why Choose Henson Architecture for Your Local Law 97 Compliance Journey?

With expertise in both historic preservation and technical retrofits, Henson Architecture is the partner for owners seeking compliance success under Local Law 97.

We have worked extensively with different building types—including heritage properties—so we can offer expert support balancing historic value and emission reduction.

Our services include:

- **Historic Building Preservation & Restoration:** Balancing preservation with enhanced energy results for historic and landmark assets.
- **Adaptive Reuse & Sustainable Retrofit:** Achieving or exceeding emissions goals through adaptive reuse, advanced retrofits, and adding renewables.
- **Building Envelope & Facade Consulting:** Ensuring durable, compliant systems that minimize energy leakage and reduce environmental impacts.

Equipping owners and managers with the tools for reporting, commissioning, and system management is part of every project we handle.

### ### A Collaborative Path Forward for NYC's Historic and Existing Buildings

Local Law 97 is an inflection point where preservation and sustainability go hand in hand.

Complying with Local Law 97 goes beyond legalities, asking owners to bridge New York's history with its sustainable future.

Owners can count on [Henson Architecture](#), the city, NYSERDA, and Henson Architecture to deliver essential knowledge, funding solutions, and technical support.

**\*Kick off your next steps toward retrofits now.\*** Bring us your building's story—we'll help you hit new GHG emissions caps and conserve what makes it unique. Thanks to careful craftsmanship and green expertise, your building can comply and thrive in a cleaner NYC future. ``