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## Online database of construction plans to be launched

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The city Department of Buildings is making it easier for residents to challenge any developments going up in their neighborhood by creating an online database of construction plans, officials said Monday.

New York will become the first city in the nation to place diagrams of proposed new buildings so the public can view the size and scale, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration said.

The new measure will go into effect March 9.

"The reforms center on the public's right to challenge any approved development if they think it violates local zoning regulations," Bloomberg said in a statement.

Architects and engineers filing applications for new buildings and major developments will be required to submit diagrams that will be posted at [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov).

The diagrams will detail critical information that can be used by the public to determine whether a project is in compliance with required zoning regulations.

The schematics will include the project's size and where the building will sit in relation to the street.

The reform will include a 30-day public challenge process.

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