

NYA's/NYZS-WCS's Admission Policy Breaches New York State Law

Free Admission Written in Law	Current Admissions Policy
<p>See: Section 1 of Chapter 383 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1991 amended Section 8 of Chapter 435 of the Laws of the State of New York 1895 and Chapter 924 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1969, also amended Chapter Section 8 of Chapter 435. Section 1 of Chapter 383 amended Section 8 of Chapter 435 and Chapter 924 as follows:</p> <p>“Sec. 8. Admission to the zoological park shall be free to the public for at least three days in each week ...”</p> <p>Amending “Sec. 1. ... Section 8. Admission to the zoological park shall be free to the public for at least [three days] <i>one day</i> in each week ...”</p> <p>Chapter 383 again amended Section 8 of Chapter 435 in Section 2 as follows:</p> <p>Amending Sec. 2 .. “Section 8. Admission to the zoological park shall be free to the public for at least [one day] <i>three days</i> in each week ...</p> <p>Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that section two of this act shall take effect July 1, 1994.”</p> <p>Chapter 924 of the Laws of the State of New York of 1969</p> <p>“Sec. 8. ... Admission to the zoological park shall be free to the public for at least [four] <i>three</i> days in each week, subject to such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by said corporation” [italics in original].</p> <p>NOTE: Chapter 924 amends free admission from four to three days. Three days was unamended by Chapter 383 of 1991.</p> <p>Chapter 435 of the Laws of the State of New York 1895</p>	<p>See. Tickets/Visit</p> <p>NYA/NYZS-WCS admits members free and charges different amount mandatory price admission fees to adults ages 13 and up, children ages three to 12 and seniors ages 65+. A maximum of four reduced-admission tickets per order may be reserved at 3:00 pm on Mondays for the following Wednesday.</p>

"Sec. 8. Admission to the said garden shall be free to the public for **at least four days, one of which shall be Sunday, in each week ...**" [emphasis added]

NOTE: A 1950 Agreement between **NYZS, and the City of New York, through DPR**, was produced in response to FA's Freedom of Information Law [FOIL] request. Regarding admission fees the Agreement provided as follows:

"Paragraph 18.... Except as otherwise agreed upon by the Commissioner and the Society, the aquarium shall be open to the public daily including Sundays and holidays during hours to be determined by the Society... **Without the written approval of the Commissioner the Society shall not charge admission prices of more than the following amounts**, exclusive of Federal or other taxes imposed thereon:

- A **Thirty-five cents (35)** for adults and children twelve year of age and over;
- B. **Fifteen cents (15)** for children under twelve years of age.
- C. **Classes of students of primary and secondary schools accompanied by teachers, shall be admitted on school days without charge**, subject to such conditions and regulation as the Society may impose." [emphasis added]

Because NYZS-WCS continues to operate under the NYZS corporate name, it should be required to meet the provisions of Chapter 435 as amended by Chapter 383 regarding admission provisions. BZ/NYZS-WCS violates New York State law because it [1] Denies New Yorkers free access "at least three days in each week."

Mindful that the NYZS-WCS entities are owned by New York City through DPR, it is offensive that New Yorkers are consciously deprived of our right to free access. Free access to the PEC institutions is unique to New Yorkers and is provided for in the laws and contracts applicable to the PPP structure. Stewards of PEC institutions may choose to charge an admission fee to other visitors.