

Feds approve NYPD training to keep loiterers away

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A federal monitor on Thursday approved new training materials that the NYPD will use to deal with loiterers in apartment buildings — and now he wants a judge to sign off on them, too.

Attorney Peter Zimroth, who was appointed to oversee a lawsuit that challenged the NYPD's "Clean Halls" program, OK'd a PowerPoint presentation that advises cops about trespassing in buildings enrolled in the program, according to new court filings.

Zimroth says the training materials make it

clear that cops can't boot a person they don't suspect of trespassing simply because that person doesn't answer the officer's questions — or doesn't provide identification.

But trespassing suspects can be asked to leave and face possible arrest if they can't prove they have the right to be in the building, according to the training proposal.

Manhattan federal court Judge Analisa Torres will rule on whether to approve the training materials at a later date. NYPD's "Clean Halls" protocol was first announced in 2015.