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A Local Law in relation to creating a task force on construction work in occupied multiple dwellings.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. There shall be a task force with 13 members consisting of the commissioner of buildings as co-director of the task force, the commissioner of housing preservation and development as co-director of the task force, the commissioner of health and mental hygiene, the commissioner of environmental protection, five city council members appointed by the speaker of the council and four members appointed by the mayor.

b. The commissioner of buildings, the commissioner of housing preservation and development, the commissioner of health and mental hygiene, the commissioner of environmental protection , and the city council members may appoint a representative for the purpose of determining the existence of a quorum and who may vote on behalf of such member, provided that such representative shall be an officer or employee from the same agency as the delegating member.

c. In the event that a member's seat becomes vacant, that member's successor shall be appointed within sixty days of the vacancy. The new member shall be appointed in the same manner as the predecessor member whose vacancy is being filled.

d. Members appointed by the speaker and members appointed by the mayor may be removed by the appointing person.

e. The task force shall consult, on an ongoing basis, with tenants who reside in buildings undergoing

construction or renovation to determine the common issues such tenants face as a result of such construction or renovation and to determine if these issues can be addressed by changing the current practices of the department of housing preservation and development and the department of buildings.

f. The task force shall hold not less than one hearing each month, except during the months of July and August, and such meetings shall be considered a meeting of a public body subject to article 7 of the public officers law.

g. Within six months from the date of the first regular meeting, pursuant to subdivision g of this section, the task force must complete an evaluation of the current practices of the individual agencies represented in the task force with regards to issues tenants face when their landlords conduct construction or renovation of residential buildings. The task force shall report its findings and make recommendations to improve inter-agency coordination and sharing of information with the mayor and the council within one year of the enactment of the local law that added this section and updated annually thereafter.

h. This task force shall dissolve upon submission of the third annual report as required by subdivision h of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect one hundred twenty days after its enactment.

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