

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Introduction Number:

Prime Sponsors:

Virginia Maloney

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing timelines for the approval of permits and expanding real time tracking of pending permits

Submitted by:

Council Member Virginia Maloney

Justification:

Delays and uncertainty in New York City's permitting and licensing processes continue to impose significant burdens on small businesses, property owners, and institutions seeking to operate, build, or renovate. Applicants frequently encounter unclear timelines and limited visibility into the status of their submissions, resulting in costly delays, inefficiencies, and diminished confidence in City government.

This legislation advances efforts to address these longstanding challenges by requiring agencies to establish and publish expected timelines for permit and license approvals, providing applicants with clear and consistent expectations. It further mandates the creation of real-time tracking tools, allowing applicants to monitor the progress of their applications and better plan accordingly. By directing the Mayor to implement accountability measures for agencies that fail to meet their own timelines, the bill ensures that these reforms are meaningful and enforceable.