

## **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:**

Int. No. 1168-2025

#### **Prime Sponsors:**

Council Member Amanda Farías

#### **Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an affirmative defense for certain tickets issued to maternal health specialists

#### **Submitted by:**

Council Member Amanda Farías

#### **Justification:**

Doulas and midwives are essential in providing guidance and support to pregnant mothers and mothers of newborn children. In an emergency, such as when a child is born, doulas and midwives must be able to provide their services without worrying about receiving a parking ticket. This bill seeks to address this by formally legislating an affirmative defense and requiring the dismissal of a charge for parking where parking is prohibited by a posted sign in cases where it is proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the person charged was a maternal health specialist providing maternal health specialist services at the time, and at or around the location, where the violation occurred. All essential workers in our city must be valued with the utmost respect, and if doulas and midwives are willing and able to respond to time-sensitive emergencies, they should be able to do so without fear of receiving a parking ticket.