

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.

Prime Sponsors:

Council Member Mealy

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to evictions of older adult tenants

Submitted by:

Council Member Mealy

Justification:

When older adults are facing eviction, they often struggle to navigate the legal process on their own. Many don't know what protections they have or where to turn for help until it's too late. Without access to that information and support, it becomes increasingly difficult for older adults to remain safely housed and age in place.

If passed, this legislation would require property owners to notify the Department of Housing Preservation and Development when beginning eviction proceedings against tenants who are 60 years old or older. HPD would then reach out to the tenant facing eviction with information about organizations that can help secure legal services, including resources available to low-income older adults.

In addition, this bill would require annual public reporting on eviction trends among older tenants for the city to track certain patterns such as age-based discrimination and provide the City Council with information to better serve and protect the older adult population.