LOCAL LAWS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 2025

No. 132

Introduced by Council Members Rivera, Stevens, Hudson, Brewer, Nurse, Sanchez, Narcisse, Restler, Williams, Cabán, Krishnan, Won, De La Rosa, Feliz, Ossé, Ayala, Hanif, Banks, Marte, Avilés, Louis, Gutiérrez, Riley, Joseph, Brannan and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams).

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to supportive housing eligibility for persons who have been involuntarily confined

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-154 to read as follows:

§ 21-154 Supportive housing eligibility for involuntarily confined persons. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Covered supportive housing program. The term "covered supportive housing program" means a program to provide supportive housing that is wholly financed using city funds and that includes, as eligibility requirements for such program, that an individual: (i) has received a diagnosis of serious mental illness or substance use disorder, or both; and (ii) is or has been homeless for a minimum period of time.

Involuntary confinement. The term "involuntary confinement" means being detained or incarcerated in a city jail or state prison, or confined to a residential mental health facility pursuant to a mandatory court order.

Supportive housing. The term "supportive housing" means affordable permanent housing with support services for residents.

b. For purposes of determining eligibility of an individual for a covered supportive housing program, the commissioner shall count any period of involuntary confinement of such individual in calculating the length of time such individual has been homeless, provided that such individual had been homeless immediately preceding such involuntary confinement, and, as determined by the department, is likely to be homeless upon the conclusion of such involuntary confinement.

c. Notwithstanding any provision of local law or rule to the contrary, any period of involuntary confinement of 1 year or longer of an individual who, as determined by the department, is likely to be homeless at the conclusion of such involuntary confinement shall satisfy any requirement for a minimum period of time that an individual is or has been homeless for eligibility for any covered supportive housing program.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on August 14, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on September 15, 2025.

ALISA FUENTES, Acting City Clerk, Acting Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 132 of 2025, Council Int. No. 1100-A of 2024) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

SPENCER FISHER, Acting Corporation Counsel.