

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

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**No. 155**

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Introduced by Council Members Banks, Narcisse, Louis, Brannan, Ayala, Cabán, Hudson, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Hanif and Won.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notifications for emergency assistance grant approvals**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Section 21-150 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 38 for the year 2022, is amended to add new subdivision h, to read as follows:

*h. Notification of emergency assistance grant application determination. 1. The department shall make available, as a part of the application for emergency assistance grants for rental assistance, a process by which any applicant may authorize the department to send an automated email or text message to the applicant upon a determination of an emergency assistance grant application for rental assistance. Such email or text message shall be sent to the email address or phone number of the applicant, provided that such applicant submitted such contact information with the application on ACCESS HRA, and such applicant has authorized such notice. Such email or text message shall inform such applicant that a determination on their application has been reached and how to access the determination using ACCESS HRA.*

*2. (a) The department shall make available, as a part of the application for emergency assistance grants for rental assistance, a process by which any applicant may authorize the*

*department to send an automated email or text message to the applicant's building owner or to a managing agent designated by the building owner to collect the rental payments of the applicant. The department shall send such email or text message upon the approval of the applicant's emergency assistance application, provided that the applicant submitted such contact information with the application on ACCESS HRA, and provided that the applicant has authorized such notice.*

*(b) Such email or text message shall inform such recipient only that a rental assistance determination has been made concerning one of their tenants and shall not contain any identifiable information regarding such tenant. Such email or text message shall inform such recipient how to access the specifics of the determination via a secure web portal maintained by the department. The information accessible to such recipient via such secure web portal shall include only the name of the tenant, the rental assistance amount, an estimated issuance date for the rental assistance, and the delivery method of the rental assistance.*

§ 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 October 9, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on November 10, 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. 155 of 2025, Council Int. No 1232-A of 2025) 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.