

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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November 10, 2021
Start: 12:26 p.m.
Recess: 12:30 p.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Margaret S. Chin
Carlina Rivera
Helen Rosenthal
Bill Perkins
Mark Gjonaj
Fernando Cabrera
Barry Grodenchik
Farah N. Louis

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 [background comments]

3 [gavel]

4 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Good morning. Good
5 morning, everyone, and thank you for coming. I'm
6 Council member Robert Cornegy, Junior, Chair of the
7 Council's Committee on Housing and Buildings. We're
8 here to hold the vote on a package of four bills
9 related to construction safety. Proposed Intro
10 number 2262-A, sponsored by me, does two things:
11 First, it streamlines certain sign off processes by
12 removing the requirement for final inspection for
13 temporary construction equipment permits. Second, it
14 prohibits the installation and use of stand off
15 brackets which have been identified by DOB as a
16 contributing factor in scaffolding incidents and
17 injuries. Proposed Intro number 2263-A, also
18 sponsored by me, amends the definition of a major
19 building. Under the old definition, a major building
20 was defined as one that is 10 stories or more or 125
21 feet or more. Under the new definition, those
22 thresholds are lowered to seven or more stories or 75
23 feet or more, respectively. The amended definition
24 would trigger additional site safety requirements on
25 more construction sites. Proposed Intro number 2264-

2 A, also sponsored by me, amends certain existing
3 requirements and establishes new requirements for the
4 use of cold formed steel light frame construction.
5 Although cold formed steel is widely used in many
6 different construction applications, when used or
7 installed incorrectly, it can pose a safety hazard.
8 This bill would help to ensure the safe use of this
9 material, codifying and building on what has already
10 been done by DOB bulletins. Lastly, the committee
11 will vote on proposed Intro number 2276-A, sponsored
12 by Council member Moya. This bill expands the
13 requirements of local law 196 for the year 2017 by
14 requiring additional site safety supervision and
15 major building construction sites. This bill
16 requires the designation of primary construction
17 superintendents, building on efforts to reduce
18 construction-related injuries and fatalities. I'm
19 joined by Council member Grodenchik, Council member
20 Gjonaj, Council member Chin, Council member Cabrera,
21 and Council member Rosenthal. Committee Clerk, will
22 you please call the role?

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
24 Committee Clerk. Role call vote Committee on Housing

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2 and Buildings. All items are coupled. Chair
3 Cornegy?

4 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: I vote aye on all

15 except for 2263-A I vote no.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I'm sorry. Council

19 member Louis, were you there all this time?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I was.

21 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I'm sorry.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: You always forget

23 me. It's okay.

24 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: I'm sorry.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of seven in
3 the affirmative, zero in the negative, no
4 abstentions, all items are adopted by the committee
5 with Introduction 2263-A being adopted by the
6 Committee six in the affirmative, one in the
7 negative, and no abstentions.

8 CHAIRPERSON CORNEGY: Committee on
9 Housing and Buildings, the hearing is commenced.

10 [gavel]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date December 6, 2021