



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PROPOSED INT. NO. 271-A

COMMITTEE: Housing and Buildings

TITLE: To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to enhancing water efficiency standards

SPONSORS: Lappin, Brewer, Gonzalez, Lander, Recchia, Van Bramer, Vann and Williams

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Proposed Int. No. 271-A would make amendments to New York City’s Plumbing Code in order to provide for the installation of more efficient plumbing fixtures, which waste less water during use. Specifically, the bill would permit the installation of dual flush water closets which enable a user to select a high flush for solid waste or a reduced volume, low flush for liquid waste.

The bill would also lower the maximum water consumption flow rate or quantity for certain plumbing fixtures, including showerheads, urinals, water closets, certain lavatories and sink faucets and require that certain fixtures including showerheads, private lavatory faucets, water closets and the urinal flush valve or fixture/valve combination for urinals meet the specifications required for the WaterSense program and bear the WaterSense label or be approved in accordance with the Plumbing Code. The WaterSense program is a program of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which provides for third party certification of plumbing fixtures as meeting performance and efficiency requirements established by the EPA.

Finally, the bill would revise current enforcement provisions to provide that it is unlawful for any person within the City’s boundaries to sell or offer for sale any plumbing fixture that does not comply with the Plumbing Code’s water consumption requirements.

This bill would apply to new construction and upon replacement of fixtures.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect on July 1, 2012, except that the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings and the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Affairs could take such actions as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2013

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY13	FY Succeeding Effective FY14	Full Fiscal Impact FY13
Revenues (+)	See below	See below	See below
Expenditures (-)	See below	See below	See below
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IMPACT ON REVENUES: According to Mayor’s Office of Long-term Planning & Sustainability (OLTPS), this

legislation would reduce water consumed by each plumbing fixture by 20 to 50 percent.¹

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: According to OLTPS, the cost of these new plumbing fixtures would be no more than the current less efficient products available.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: Not applicable

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division

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DATE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL: Introduced by City Council and referred to Housing and Buildings Committee as Int. No. 271 on June 9, 2010. Laid over and hearing held by Committee on June 22, 2010 as Int. No. 271. An amendment has been proposed, and the Committee will vote on an amended version of the legislation, Proposed Int.271-A, on October 13, 2010.

¹ Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability (OLTPS) testimony to the City Council's Housing and Buildings Committee on June 22, 2010.