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..Title

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to income and work requirements for rental assistance

..Body

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 21-151 to read as follows:

§ 21-151 Income and work requirements for rental assistance. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Rental assistance voucher. The term “rental assistance voucher” means any city-initiated rental housing subsidy for homeless families and individuals.

Shelter. The term “shelter” means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless adults, adult families, and families with children by the department or a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department.

b. The department shall not base eligibility for a rental assistance voucher on employment status when the applicant for rental assistance is living in shelter or experiencing street homelessness.

c. An applicant who earns more than 50 percent of the area median income, as defined by the federal department of housing and urban development, shall not be eligible for a rental assistance voucher when such applicant is living in shelter or experiencing street homelessness.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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