

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND BUILDINGS

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B E F O R E: Pierina Ana Sanchez, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu  
Alexa Avilés  
Eric Dinowitz  
Oswald Feliz  
Crystal Hudson  
Lincoln Restler

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Testing, testing. This  
3 is a microphone check for the Committee on Housing  
4 and Building. The date is November 21, 2024, recorded  
5 by Sergeant Levy. Location in the City Council  
6 Chambers.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Can everybody settle  
8 down? We are getting ready to begin. Everybody settle  
9 down.

10 Good morning, and welcome to the New York  
11 City Council vote of the Committee on Housing and  
12 Buildings.

13 At this time, can everybody please  
14 silence your cell phones?

15 At this time and going forward, no one is  
16 to approach the dais. I repeat, no one is to approach  
17 the dais.

18 Chair, we are ready to begin.

19 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: [GAVEL] Thank you,  
20 Sergeants, and good morning. I'm Council Member  
21 Pierina Sanchez, Chair of the Committee on Housing  
22 and Buildings.

23 Today, we are voting on Proposed Intro.  
24 Number 436-A, sponsored by me on behalf of the Mayor,  
25 to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New

2 York in relation to the Electrical Code and Local Law  
3 55 of the Year 2024 in relation to electrical vehicle  
4 supply equipment in open parking lots and open  
5 parking and parking garages, and repealing Chapter 3  
6 of Title 27 of the Administrative Code of the City of  
7 New York in relation thereto. Unlike the New York  
8 City Construction Codes, which are updated every  
9 three years, the New York City Electrical Code has  
10 not been updated since 2011. Keeping our Electrical  
11 Code up to date with the latest national and  
12 international standards is critical not just for the  
13 safety of New Yorkers, but for the progress of our  
14 City's electrification efforts, such as Local Law 97  
15 and electrical vehicle infrastructure. Proposed  
16 Intro. Number 436-A would update the New York City  
17 Electrical Code by adopting standards of the 2020  
18 National Code with certain amendments based on unique  
19 conditions within the city. It would also incorporate  
20 the New York City Electrical Code into the City's  
21 Construction Codes to better align the requirements  
22 for electricians with those for other trades licensed  
23 by the Department of Buildings. In any compromise,  
24 there are always elements that not everyone will  
25 agree on, and this bill is no exception. What is

2 important is that after years of engagement and  
3 discussion, we can now move forward with this  
4 critical update, paving the way for us to reach our  
5 electrification goals and adopt the latest safety and  
6 technological standards in our Electrical Code.

7 I would like to thank the Department of  
8 Buildings who spearheaded the Electrical Code  
9 Technical Revision Council along with City agencies  
10 and members of the electrical trade and industry who  
11 provided meaningful feedback throughout the drafting  
12 process.

13 I'm joined today by my Colleagues who  
14 will be called during the roll, and unless anyone has  
15 any comments, I will now ask the Clerk to call the  
16 roll. Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
18 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
19 vote, Committee on Housing and Buildings on Proposed  
20 Introduction 436-A. Chair Sanchez.

21 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Feliz.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FELIZ: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank  
25 you, Council Member Feliz. Dinowitz.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DINOWITZ: Aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Abreu.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Avilés.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER AVILÉS: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hudson.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote

12 of seven in the affirmative, zero in the negative and

13 no abstentions, item has been adopted by the

14 committee. Madam Chair, that is a full Committee.

15 CHAIRPERSON SANCHEZ: Thank you to my

16 Colleagues for joining today's hearing. With that,

17 this hearing is adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 November 22, 2024