



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FINANCE DIVISION**

**LATONIA MCKINNEY, DIRECTOR**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 1100-A**

**COMMITTEE: Housing and Buildings**

**TITLE:** A Local Law to amend the New York city housing maintenance code and the New York city building code, in relation to requiring the installation of natural gas detecting devices, and to repeal sections 27-2045, 27-2046, 27-2046.1 and 27-2046.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to smoke detecting devices and carbon monoxide detecting devices

**SPONSOR(S):** Council Members Vacca, Williams, Palma, Richards, Gentile, Rodriguez, Crowley and Rosenthal

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** Proposed Int. No. 1100-A would require the Department of Buildings (“DOB”) to establish or adopt a standard governing the installation and location of natural gas detectors after an industry standard has been promulgated. It would also require that the owners of multiple and private dwellings install natural gas detectors that comply with such standards in such dwellings, in addition to smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. In addition, owners would be required to replace certain defective devices as well as provide notices regarding the owners’ obligations, the risks posed by carbon monoxide poisoning and natural gas leaks, and protocols for testing and maintaining such devices.

In addition, occupants of the multiple and private dwellings would be required to keep and maintain the devices in good repair and replace the devices if stolen, removed, found missing or rendered inoperable. The legislation would also make it unlawful to tamper with the required devices and authorize the City to enforce the provisions of the local law.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The provision of this local law regarding the promulgation of rules by DOB would take effect immediately, and the remainder of the local law would take effect on May 1 of the first year that commences after DOB adopts those rules, and except that such commissioner of Housing Preservation and Development may take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of such sections, including the promulgation of rules, before such effective date.

**FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED:** Fiscal 2018

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

	<b>Effective FY17</b>	<b>FY Succeeding Effective FY18</b>	<b>Full Fiscal Impact FY18</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** It is estimated that there will be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

**IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES:** It is anticipated that there would be minimal to no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation. Any expenditures would be related to bringing all City-owned buildings resulting from properties qualifying after the passage of this legislation into compliance and such expenditures would include materials and labor costs to install the required devices. Additionally, it is anticipated that there could be an impact on the expenditures of the New York City Housing Authority's ("NYCHA") budget if it were required to purchase and install natural gas detectors in its 2,547 buildings pursuant to this legislation. However, because DOB has not yet established a standard for governing the installation and location of natural gas detectors, it is not yet known whether NYCHA will be required to do so. If it were, the cost of the legislation would be the cost to purchase the devices and any labor and installation could be achieved using existing resources. In addition, with respect to carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, NYCHA is already in compliance with the legislation, and therefore there is no impact on expenditures as a result of this legislation.

**SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS:** General Fund

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council Finance Division  
New York City Department of Buildings

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** This legislation was introduced to the full Council on February 24, 2016 as Intro. No. 1100 and was referred to the Committee on Housing and Buildings. A hearing was held by the Committee on Housing and Buildings on April 12, 2016 and the bill was laid over. The legislation was subsequently amended, and the amended version, Proposed Intro. 1100-A, will be considered by the Committee on Housing and Buildings on November 15, 2016. Following a successful Committee vote, the bill would be submitted to the full Council for a vote on November 16, 2016.

**DATE PREPARED:** November 14, 2016