



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

PROPOSED INTRO. NO. 874-A

COMMITTEE: Housing and Buildings

TITLE: To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to methane and radon gas vent piping, the approval of mechanical joint piping systems and the approval of non-code prescribed drainage vent systems.

SPONSORS: Council Members Dickens, Comrie Jr., Eugene, Gerson, Gonzalez, Liu, Arroyo, Gioia, Katz, Mark-Viverito, Baez, de Blasio, Recchia Jr., Gentile, Lappin, Mitchell, Sears, Reyna, Crowley, Sanders Jr., Vallone Jr., Ferreras, Jackson, Dilan, Fidler, Vacca, Oddo, Ulrich and Brewer

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This legislation amends the Administrative Code of the City of New York, in relation to methane and radon gas vent piping, the approval of mechanical joint piping systems and the approval of non-code prescribed drainage vent systems. The legislation amends the definition of Vent Pipe in the New York City Plumbing Code by adding "Vent System (Methane and Radon)" and defining it as a pipe that allows methane or radon gas to pass from an underground area into the atmosphere safely or provides for recovery of the gases for commercial use. The legislation further includes new provisions allowing the installation of certain mechanical joints in conformance with acceptance criteria established by the Department of Building's (DOB) Commissioner. Methane and radon venting must also be approved by the DOB Commissioner and must comply with all applicable rules of the Fire Department.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect 180 days after enactment.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2010

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY10	FY Succeeding Effective FY11	Full Fiscal Impact FY10
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: There would be no impact on revenues by the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: There would be no impact on expenditures by the enactment of this legislation.

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 Council and referred to Housing and Buildings Committee as Int. 874 on November 19, 2008. Hearing held by Committee, amendment proposed, and laid over by Committee as Int. 874-A on October 15, 2009. To be considered by Committee as Int. 874-A on October 28, 2009.