



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

LATONIA MCKINNEY, DIRECTOR

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 1936-A

COMMITTEE: Housing and Buildings

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to amending the definition of harassment to include threats based on a person having been impacted by COVID-19

SPONSORS: By Council Members Torres, the Speaker (Council Member Johnson), Kallos, Van Bramer, Chin, Powers, Rivera, Louis and Rosenthal

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Proposed Int. No. 1936-A would amend the definition of harassment in the Housing Maintenance Code to include threats based on a person having been impacted by COVID-19, including: having been diagnosed with or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, having a member of such person’s household diagnosed with COVID-19, providing care for a person diagnosed with COVID-19, unemployment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, status as an essential employee, or receipt of a rental concession or forbearance for any rent owed during the COVID-19 period. These protections would be established for individuals impacted by COVID-19 between March 7, 2020 and the later of the expiration of the Governor’s executive order issuing a moratorium on enforcement of residential evictions (Executive Order No. 202.8) and extended thereafter, or September 30, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect immediately.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2021

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY20	FY Succeeding Effective FY21	Full Fiscal Impact FY21
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation because full compliance with the legislation is anticipated.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: It is anticipated that there would be no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation because existing resources would be used by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) to implement the provisions of this local law and non-City entities would bear the costs of any penalties in connection with tenant harassment actions pursuant to the legislation.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division

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ESTIMATED REVIEWED BY: Chima Obichere, Unit Head

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This legislation was introduced to the full Council as Int. No. 1936 on April 22, 2020 and was referred to the Committee on Housing and Buildings (Committee). A joint hearing was held by the Committee and the Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing on April 28, 2020, and the bill was laid over. The legislation was subsequently amended and the amended version, Proposed Intro. No. 1936-A, will be considered by the Committee on May 13, 2020. Following a successful vote by the Committee, Proposed Intro. No. 1936-A will be submitted to the full Council for a vote on May 13, 2020.

DATE PREPARED: May 7, 2020