

# The New York City Council

*City Hall  
New York, NY 10007*



## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 27, 2013

10:00 AM

Jointly with the Committee on Housing and Buildings the  
Committee on Environmental Protection the Committee on Parks  
and Recreation and the Committee on Waterfronts  
Council Chambers - City Hall

### Committee on Transportation

*James Vacca, Chair*

*Members: Gale A. Brewer, Daniel R. Garodnick, David G. Greenfield,  
G. Oliver Koppell, Jessica S. Lappin, Darlene Mealy,  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez, Deborah L. Rose, James G. Van Bramer,  
Vincent M. Ignizio, Peter A. Koo and Eric A. Ulrich*

## Roll Call

**Present:**

Vacca, Brewer, Garodnick, Greenfield, Koo, Koppell, Lappin, Mealy, Rodriguez, Rose and Van Bramer

**Absent:**

Ignizio and Ulrich

*Other Council Members Attending: Dilan, James, Gennaro, Gentile, Chin, Lander, Comrie, Mendez, Levin, Williams, Jackson, Nelson, Crowley and Mark-Viverito.*

T2013-6484

**Oversight - Rebuilding After Sandy and Improving the Resiliency of the City's Infrastructure.**

**Attachments:** Committee Report, Hearing Testimony, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Oversight was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Committee Report, Hearing Testimony, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Oversight was Filed, by Committee**

Int 0983-2012

**A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to flood-resistant construction requirements for health facilities.**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

Int 0990-2012

**A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to the adoption of best available flood maps.**

**Attachments:** Int. No. 990 - 12/18/12, Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

*Proposed Int. No. 990-A*

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Int. No. 990 - 12/18/12, Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Amendment Proposed by Comm**

**Attachments:** Int. No. 990 - 12/18/12, Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Int 1085-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to emergency plans for residential and commercial buildings and the posting of emergency information in certain residential buildings.**

**Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Int 1086-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the New York city plumbing code, in relation to requiring that toilets and faucets be capable of operating without an external supply of electrical power.**

**Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

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**Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Int 1087-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to using cool roof surfaces to reduce summer heat.**

**Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Int 1088-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to water retentive sidewalks and a study on absorptive street and sidewalk materials and alternative street angulation.**

**Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

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**Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

- Int 1089-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, the New York city building code and the New York city mechanical code, in relation to allowing elevation of certain building systems in flood-prone areas.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
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- Int 1090-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to studying the effects of wind on certain buildings.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
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- Int 1092-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to the installation of external electrical hookups.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**
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- Int 1093-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the New York city building code, in relation to removing barriers to usage of temporary flood control and response devices.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

- Int 1094-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the New York city plumbing code and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring residential buildings to provide drinking water to a common area supplied directly through pressure in the public water main.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
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- Int 1095-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating a manual on flood construction and protection standards.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
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- Int 1096-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, the New York city building code, the New York city mechanical code and the New York city fire code, in relation to relocating and protecting building systems in flood-prone areas.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**
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- Int 1097-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring backup power sources for fire and life safety communications systems.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Int 1098-2013      A Local Law to amend the New York city plumbing code, in relation to preventing the backflow of sewage.**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Int 1099-2013      A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the New York city building code, in relation to preventing wind damage to existing buildings.**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Int 1100-2013      A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to keeping residential stairwells and hallways lit during blackouts.**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

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**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

**Int 1101-2013      A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the New York city building code, in relation to voluntarily installed emergency power systems and natural gas usage.**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

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**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**

- Int 1102-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to improving hazardous materials storage pursuant to the New York city community right-to-know law.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
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- Int 1105-2013**      **A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to planning for resiliency to climate change as a responsibility of the office of long-term planning and sustainability.**
- Attachments:**    Memorandum in Support, Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Hearing Held by Committee**
- Attachments:**    Memorandum in Support, Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Introduction was Laid Over by Committee**
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- Res 1708-2013**      **Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to enact and the President to sign the Flood Victim Premium Relief Act of 2013.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Resolution was Hearing Held by Committee**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Resolution was Laid Over by Committee**
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- Res 1771-2013**      **Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign S.3942/A.4380, the “Engineers’, Architects’, Landscape Architects’ and Land Surveyors’ Good Samaritan Act” which would protect from liability professional engineers, architects, landscape architects and land surveyors who render voluntary services at the scene of a natural disaster or catastrophe.**
- Attachments:**    Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13
- This Resolution was Hearing Held by Committee**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

**This Resolution was Laid Over by Committee**

**Res 1808-2013      Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to amend the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.**

**Attachments:** Committee Report 6/27/13, Hearing Testimony 6/27/13, Hearing Transcript 6-27-13

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