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By Council Members Holden and Brannan

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of homeless services to post shelter information online

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-332 to read as follows:

§ 21-332 Posting shelter information. a. For purposes of this section, the term “shelter” means temporary emergency housing provided to homeless adults, adult families, and families with children by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department.

b. The department shall post on its website, and update semiannually, an interactive map containing information related to all shelters. The department shall include on such map the following information:

1. The address of each shelter;
2. The specific populations each shelter serves, including but not limited to single adult males, single adult females, veterans, adult families, and families with children; and
3. A photograph of the main entrance of each shelter.

c. The department shall exclude from its website information that would otherwise be required to be posted pursuant to subdivision b of this section that is related to shelters that primarily serve especially vulnerable populations due to security concerns involved with revealing the location of such shelters online.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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