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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to publication and reporting requirements for urban renewal plans

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 61 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 1806 to read as follows:

§ 1806 Urban renewal data. 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Project boundary. The term “project boundary” means the perimeter of an urban renewal area.

Urban renewal area. The term “urban renewal area” has the same meaning ascribed to such term in section 502 of the general municipal law.

Urban renewal plan. The term “urban renewal plan” has the same meaning ascribed to such term in section 502 of the general municipal law.

Urban renewal site. The term “urban renewal site” means a tract of land that is designated for acquisition for one or more particular land uses and identified as a redevelopment parcel pursuant to an urban renewal plan.

2. Not less than one year before the expiration date of any urban renewal plan in effect on or after March 1, 2018, the department, in coordination with the department of city planning, shall provide written notice of the expiration date of such urban renewal plan to the speaker of the council, each borough president,

council member, and community board whose district includes any real property within the project boundary of the affected urban renewal area, provided that in the case of any urban renewal plan with an expiration date that is less than one year after March 1, 2018, such notice shall be provided as soon as practicable. Such written notice shall include any restrictions on use, density or design contained in such expiring urban renewal plan, the status of any pending application to change any applicable large-scale special permit, the status of any pending application to amend such urban renewal plan, including any pending application to extend the duration of such urban renewal plan with respect to any unsold parcels of real property, the department of city planning application number of such pending application, and a notice that upon expiration of such urban renewal plan existing zoning regulations may allow as-of-right development subject to less restrictive use, density, and design requirements,

3. The department, in coordination with the department of city planning, shall establish a publicly accessible website on nyc.gov to provide information about currently and formerly designated urban renewal areas in the city of New York. Such website shall include information regarding the urban renewal law, an explanatory guide to researching urban renewal restrictions on designated urban renewal sites, and links to resources for conducting such research, including but not limited to the city’s online zoning and land use maps, the automated city register information system, and the land use and ceqr application tracking system. The department shall post on such website an illustrative map of the city that indicates by graphical representation or icon the approximate locations of all currently and formerly designated urban renewal areas in the city of New York. The department shall link each such graphical representation or icon to the information about each such urban renewal area posted on such website pursuant to this subdivision. The department shall post on such website the following information or links to such information about each such urban renewal area, to the extent that such information is available in department or city records:

(a) The name of such urban renewal area;

(b) The history of approvals of the applicable urban renewal plan and all amendments thereto;

(c) A downloadable copy of the applicable urban renewal area and all amendments thereto;

(d) The project boundary of such urban renewal area;

(e) The designated urban renewal sites within the project boundary of such urban renewal area and the permitted uses of such designated urban renewal sites pursuant to such urban renewal plan;

(f) Whether such urban renewal plan is currently in effect or has expired and, if currently in effect, the expiration date of such urban renewal plan;

(g) With respect to any urban renewal plan currently in effect, the status of any pending application to amend such urban renewal plan, including any pending application to extend the duration of such urban renewal plan with respect to any unsold parcels of real property, and the department of city planning application number of such pending application; and

(h) A link to zola.planninglabs.nyc or successor website that directs to the highest practicable zoom level that contains all blocks and lots within such urban renewal area.

4. Information required to be posted on the website established pursuant to subdivision 3 of this section shall be posted on the following schedule:

(a) The informational map of the city posted on such website pursuant to subdivision 3 of this section shall display the approximate locations of all current and former urban renewal areas no later than six months after the effective date of the local law that added this section and shall include links to the information about each such urban renewal area posted on such website pursuant to such subdivision in accordance with the scheduled posting of each such urban renewal plan as described in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this section.

(b) Such information about urban renewal areas subject to an urban renewal plan currently in effect shall be posted to such website no later than six months after the effective date of the local law that added this section;

(c) Such information about urban renewal areas for which the final version of an urban renewal plan expired less than 10 years before the effective date of the local law that added this section shall be posted to

such website no later than one year after the effective date of the local law that added this section; and

(d) Such information about urban renewal areas for which the final version of an urban renewal plan expired 10 or more years before the effective date of the local law that added this section shall be posted no later than eighteen months after the effective date of the local law that added this section.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this subdivision, the downloadable copy of all amendments to applicable urban renewal areas referred to in paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of this section, as required to be posted on the website established pursuant to subdivision 3 of this section, shall be posted as soon as practicable, but no later than 5 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section.

5. No later than two years after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department shall report the following information to the mayor, the speaker of the council, the borough presidents, the affected council members, and the community boards, to the extent that such information is available in department or city records:

(a) Maps displaying the project boundaries of all currently and formerly designated urban renewal areas in the city of New York, to the extent practicable;

(b) An illustrative map or maps of the city displaying the approximate locations of all such urban renewal areas;

(c) A list, organized by borough, of all such urban renewal areas;

(d) The council districts that may include real property within the project boundary of any such urban renewal area;

(e) For each such urban renewal area, the expiration date of the final version of the applicable urban renewal plan;

(f) The land use restrictions imposed pursuant to such urban renewal plans; and

(g) A notice that upon expiration of such urban renewal plans existing zoning regulations may allow as-of-right development subject to less restrictive use, density, and design requirements. Such notice shall be

accompanied by information about researching urban renewal restrictions on currently and previously designated urban renewal sites.

6. No later than March 1, 2018, every lot on the city's online zoning and land use map at zola.planninglabs.nyc or successor website shall have an attribute that links to the website established pursuant to subdivision 3 of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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