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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to requiring the department of buildings to establish an emergency notification system.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Article 103 of chapter 1 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 28-103.21 to read as follows:

§28-103.21 Emergency notification system. a. For purposes of this section, the term “emergency” shall include weather conditions such as precipitation, wind, heat, cold or fog, electricity blackouts, fires, construction accidents, water and sewer main breaks and street closures near the site where construction, excavation or demolition is taking place or any other circumstances that the commissioner determines may require altering or limiting construction, excavation or demolition activities. An emergency may be declared by the commissioner with respect to any specific site or specified geographic area within the city.

b. The department shall establish a system for notifying prescribed classes of persons when an emergency occurs. Such notification system shall include, but not be limited to, notification by e-mail and telephone to one or more individuals representing every general contractor and subcontractor who has an outstanding permit relating to construction, excavation or demolition activities for any site or within any geographic area for which an emergency has been declared or the owner of any such site or of a site within the specified geographic area, if there is no general contractor with respect to such site. The e-mail addresses and telephone numbers shall be provided to the commissioner by the contractor or owner at the time any permit is

issued. Notice shall also be provided to each council member and each community board chairperson within whose district the emergency has been declared. Council members and community board chairpersons shall be responsible for providing to the commissioner an e-mail address and telephone number to which such notification may be directed.

c. Notice of an emergency shall be disseminated within two hours of the declaration of an emergency by the commissioner.

d. The department shall also maintain an emergency telephone number that individuals may call to receive recorded updates from the department with respect to such emergency situations, which information shall be regularly updated. Such information on such phone number shall also be posted on the city of New York's website.

§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after enactment, except that the commissioner of buildings shall take such measures as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

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