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landmarked buildings.

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that would amend the J-51 Tax Exemptions/Tax Abatement Program to include costs associated with sidewalk bridging, scaffolding, engineers, and architects as part of reimbursable expenses for the

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By Council Members Lappin, James, Mitchell, Palma, Stewart and Liu

Whereas, The J-51 Tax Exemptions/Tax Abatement Program (J-51 Program) is authorized by Section 489 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law and Section 11-243 of the New York City Administrative Code; and

Whereas, The J-51 Program provides real estate tax benefits to owners of residential real property who perform certain rehabilitation work on their properties; and

Whereas, The J-51 Program also grants tax benefits to owners of non-residential buildings who convert

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their buildings to residential use; and

Whereas, The J-51 Program was originally enacted in 1955 to encourage landlords to upgrade cold

water flats by installing central heat and hot water systems; and

Whereas, The J-51 Program has since been expanded to provide benefits for most major capital

improvements, certain repairs, and conversions to buildings for residential use; and

Whereas, The J-51 Program provides full cost benefits for work performed pursuant to a Landmarks

Preservation Commission permit; and

Whereas, The inclusion of costs associated with sidewalk bridging, scaffolding, engineers, and

architects as part of reimbursable expenses for the renovation of landmarked buildings is a desirable and

beneficial inclusion in the J-51 Program; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon Governor Paterson and the New York

State Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the J-51 Tax Exemptions/Tax Abatement Program to

include costs associated with sidewalk bridging, scaffolding, engineers, and architects as part of reimbursable

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