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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the landmarks preservation commission to maintain a publicly available database for requests for evaluation.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 25-320 of title 25 of the administrative code of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

a. The commission may make such investigations and studies of matters relating to the protection, enhancement, perpetuation or use of landmarks, interior landmarks, scenic landmarks and historic districts, and to the restoration of landmarks, interior landmarks, scenic landmarks and buildings in historic districts as the commission may, from time to time, deem necessary or appropriate for the effectuation of the purposes of this chapter, and may submit reports and recommendations as to such matters to the mayor and other agencies of the city. In making such investigations and studies, the commission may hold such public hearings as it may deem necessary or appropriate.

b. The commission shall create and maintain at its offices and online on its website a publicly available database listing all requests from the public for the evaluation of the architectural, historical or cultural significance of properties in the city, including the name of the person or organization requesting the evaluation, the address of the property to be evaluated, the current status of the request for evaluation and its resolution. A summary of the aggregate number of all requests for evaluation that have been processed and their status shall be posted.

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c. For all final communications for requests for evaluation, the commission shall respond with one of the following four responses: "accepted for further study"; "not recommended for further study at this time"; "need more information from applicant"; or "need 60 more days to respond to request."

§ 2. This local law shall take effect sixty days after it shall have become a law.

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