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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring insulation of existing concealed pipes exposed during alteration or repair.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 141 for the year 2013, is amended by adding a new article 316 to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 316**  
**INSULATION OF CONCEALED PIPES EXPOSED DURING ALTERATION OR REPAIR**

**§ 28-316.1 Required insulation of certain concealed piping exposed during alteration or repair.** Where concealed existing piping is exposed in the course of the alteration or repair of a building, the owner of the building shall provide for the insulation of the exposed piping. The exposed piping shall be insulated to the extent required by the New York city energy conservation code for newly installed pipe of the same specifications and serving the same function as the exposed pipe. The entire exposed length of the piping shall be insulated as well as any further length of concealed pipe that can be directly accessed through openings made in the course of such alteration or repair.

**Exceptions:**

1. Exposed pipe with one-inch (25-mm) thick continuous coverage of existing insulation in good condition.
2. Where the length of concealed pipe which may be directly accessed through openings made in the course of such alteration or repair is less than three feet (914 mm).
3. Where there is not sufficient space to insulate pipes to the extent required by the New York city energy conservation code due to conflicts with existing construction, pipes shall be insulated to the extent that space allows.

§2. This local law shall take effect October 1, 2014, except that this local law shall not apply to construction work related to applications for construction document approval filed prior to such effective date,

and except that the commissioner of buildings may take such measures as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

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