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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to information required to be posted by owners of residential dwellings during utility outages and other emergencies.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 27-2051.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law 98 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

§ 27-2051.1 Temporary posting of emergency information. Prior to the [expectant] expected arrival of a weather emergency[,] or a natural disaster event, or as soon as practicable after being informed about [a] property damage that poses a safety risk or an unplanned utility outage [which] that is expected to last for more than twenty-four hours or an indeterminate period of time, the owner of a residential dwelling where at least one dwelling unit is [not] occupied by a person other than such owner shall post the following information in common areas of the residential dwelling on signs of sufficient size to be seen: (i) whether the [building] dwelling is located in a hurricane evacuation zone as defined by the office of emergency management and, if applicable, the zone in which [zone] the [building] dwelling is located [in]; (ii) the address of the nearest designated evacuation center; (iii) when a person should contact 911 and 311 during a weather emergency, a natural disaster event or the utility outage; (iv) whether, during the utility outage, services such as potable water, corridor, egress, and common area lighting, fire safety and fire protection, elevators, charging locations for cellular telephones, domestic hot water, or heating and cooling will be provided; (v) contact information for building personnel in the event of an emergency, including email addresses, [phone] telephone numbers and other methods of communication; (vi) instructions on removing furniture from rooftops and balconies during

high wind events; and[;] (vii) for buildings that utilize pumps, instructions on reducing water consumption during the utility outage. Such signs shall be updated by the owner of the residential [building] dwelling as needed and must be removed after the passage of the weather emergency[, the] or natural disaster event or the restoration of utility services. The department shall determine the form of such signs including publishing a template that may be used by owners of residential [buildings] dwellings for the purposes of this section.

§ 2. Article 12 of subchapter 2 of chapter 2 of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 27-2051.2 to read as follows:

§ 27-2051.2 Temporary posting of information before planned utility outages. a. At least forty-eight hours before a planned utility outage, or as soon as possible before such an outage if notified less than forty-eight hours before it is scheduled to begin, the owner of a residential dwelling in which at least one dwelling unit is occupied by a person other than such owner shall post the following information in a conspicuous manner in common areas of such dwelling:

1. The nature of the utility outage, including the utility or utilities to be interrupted.
 2. The scheduled start date and anticipated end date of the utility outage.
 3. If the utility outage is expected to last longer than six hours, whether services such as potable water; corridor, egress and common area lighting; fire safety and fire protection; elevators; charging locations for cellular telephones; domestic hot water or heating and cooling will be provided.
 4. Contact information for building personnel.
 5. Recommended actions or precautions that residents of the dwelling should take with respect to the utility outage, if applicable.
- b. An owner of a residential dwelling shall cause any sign posted pursuant to subdivision a of this section to be removed after the restoration of utility services.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.

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