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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring community notification prior to the siting of certain social services facilities

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-136 to read as follows:

§ 21-136 Community notification. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms shall have the following meanings:

ACS placement facility. "ACS placement facility" means a facility, certified by the New York state office of children and family services, for the care of youth placed in accordance with the provisions of the family court act and the regulations of the New York state office of children and family services, managed directly by the administration for children's services or under contract or similar agreement with the administration for children's services.

City-administered facilities. "City-administered facilities" means hotels, shelters and other accommodations or associated services, managed by or provided under contract or similar agreement with any city agency, provided to individuals or families who need temporary emergency housing or assistance finding or maintaining stable housing

DHS-administered facilities. "DHS-administered facilities" means city-administered facilities managed directly by the department of homeless services or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the

department of homeless services.

DYCD-administered facilities. "DYCD-administered facilities" means city-administered facilities managed directly by the department of youth and community development or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of youth and community development.

HPD-administered facilities. "HPD-administered facilities" means city-administered facilities managed directly by the department of housing preservation and development or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department of housing preservation and development.

HRA-administered facilities. "HRA-administered facilities" means city-administered facilities managed directly by the human resources administration or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the human resources administration, excluding shelters for victims of domestic violence managed directly by the human resources administration or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the human resources administration.

Social services facility. "Social services facility" means ACS placement facilities, DHS-administered facilities, DYCD-administered facilities, HPD-administered facilities, HRA-administered facilities or supportive housing facilities.

Supportive housing facilities. "Supportive housing facility" means affordable, independent, and permanent housing with support services for tenants, including but not limited to people who have been homeless, have histories of substance abuse, are coping with mental illness, have chronic illnesses such HIV/AIDS, are young adults aging out of foster care, are homeless veterans, or grandparents raising grandchildren, and is under contract with a city agency including but not limited to the department of health and mental hygiene and the human resources administration.

b. Prior to an agency entering into a contract or similar agreement to provide services at a new location as a social services facility, to expand the size of a social services facility or to change the type of services

provided at a social services facility, the commissioner of the relevant agency shall provide notification in writing as follows:

1. The notification shall be provided to the council member in whose district the social services facility will be located, and to the community board for the community district in which the social services facility will be located; and

2. The notification shall include the address of the social services facility, the number of people who will be housed, the name of the person or entity operating the social services facility, the name of any organization, whether for-profit or not-for-profit, that will be providing services to the occupants of the social services facility at the outset of the operation of such facility, the name of the owner and developer, if any, of the building where the social services facility will be located, the type of social services facility, and a description of the services that will be provided at the outset of the operation of such facility; and

3. The notification shall be provided 30 days before the relevant agency enters into such contractual arrangement or similar agreement with the social services facility provider.

c. The information provided in subdivision b shall be posted in the public data set established pursuant to chapter 5 of title 23 of this code 30 days before the relevant agency enters into a contractual arrangement or similar agreement with the social services facility provider.

§ 2. This legislation takes effect immediately.

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