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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to submitting and tracking complaints relating to conditions in residential spaces and publishing certain information about such complaints.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 61 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 1806 to read as follows:

§ 1806. Submitting and tracking complaints; publishing information; delegation of duties. 1. The commissioner shall provide for a system that all individuals may use to do the following:

(a) submit, online and by telephone, complaints alleging conditions that would, if proved, violate the housing maintenance code, the multiple dwelling law or any other law, rule or regulation relating to the maintenance, use, occupancy, safety or sanitary condition of any building or portion thereof which is occupied, arranged or intended to be occupied as a home, residence or dwelling place; and

(b) obtain, online and by telephone, information relating to such complaints, including the status thereof.

2. The commissioner shall make publicly available online the following information relating to complaints alleging conditions that would, if proved, violate any of the laws, rules and regulations described in subdivision one of this section:

(a) the date of the complaint;

(b) the address of the building to which the complaint relates and the relevant unit or apartment number, if applicable;

(c) the conditions complained of, including the law, rule or regulation such conditions would, if proved, violate; and

(d) the status of the complaint.

3. Where the commissioner has, in accordance with section eighteen hundred and two of this chapter, delegated, in whole or in part, enforcement of the laws, rules or regulations described in subdivision one of this section for one or more buildings or portions thereof to another entity, the commissioner may delegate to such entity the duties set forth in subdivisions one and two of this section for complaints related to conditions in such buildings or portions thereof.

4. Where the commissioner has, in accordance with section eighteen hundred and two of this chapter, delegated, in whole or in part, enforcement of the laws, rules or regulations described in subdivision one of this section for one or more buildings or portions thereof to another entity, the commissioner shall report the terms of such delegation, including the buildings or portions thereof to which such delegation applies and whether the commissioner has delegated to the entity the duties set forth in subdivisions one and two of this section, to the speaker of the council within thirty days of either the date of such delegation or the effective date of this section, whichever occurs later, and shall, within the same period, make such terms publicly available online.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of housing preservation and development may take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such date.

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