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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting and providing information concerning bedbugs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 27-2018.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision c, to read as follows:

c. An owner of a multiple dwelling shall (i) provide each tenant, upon commencement of a new lease and with each renewal lease, or (ii) post, in a prominent public location within such multiple dwelling the following:

1. a copy of the most recent electronic form submitted pursuant to subdivision a of section 27-2018.2;
- and
2. a notice, in a form promulgated or approved by the department of health and mental hygiene, that provides information about the prevention, detection and removal of bedbug infestations.

§ 2. Article 4 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 27-2018.2 to read as follows:

§ 27-2018.2 Reporting bedbug infestations. a. An owner of a multiple dwelling shall annually report to the department, on an electronic form established by the department, the following information about such multiple dwelling:

1. The street address;

2. The number of dwelling units;

3. The number of dwelling units, as reported or otherwise known to the owner, that had a bedbug infestation during the previous year;

4. The number of dwelling units, as reported or otherwise known to the owner, in which eradication measures were employed during the previous year for a bedbug infestation;

5. The number of dwelling units reported in paragraph 4 that had a bedbug infestation after such eradication measures were employed in such units; and

6. If such form is given to each tenant within such multiple dwelling, a certification that a copy of such form was distributed to each tenant of such building upon each lease renewal or the commencement of a new lease issued since the previous filing with the department of such form.

b. If such form is posted in a prominent location within the building, an owner of a multiple dwelling shall maintain a record that a copy of such form was prominently posted within 60 days of the filing of the information with the department.

c. An owner of a multiple dwelling who has submitted a report to the department pursuant to subdivision a of this section may, at any time, submit an amended version of such report to reflect changes to such information.

d. Owners of multiple dwellings shall attempt to obtain the bedbug infestation history for the previous year for each dwelling unit from the tenant or owner, including whether eradication measures were employed during the previous year for a bedbug infestation.

e. The department may establish staggered reporting cycles by rule for owners required to comply with subdivision a of this section.

f. For each multiple dwelling, the department shall make the information contained in the most recent electronic form submitted pursuant to subdivision a of this section, including the date such form was submitted, publicly available on its website no later than 30 days after receipt of such form.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of housing preservation and development and the commissioner of health and mental hygiene may take such measures as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before its effective date.

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