



Legislation Text

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By Council Member Torres

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring information on the timeliness of city-funded rental payments

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 21-139 to read as follows:

§ 21-139 Rental assistance payments. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Rental assistance payments. The term “rental assistance payments” means payments made by the department to landlords on behalf of tenants pursuant to programs administered by the department.

Scheduled payment date. The term “scheduled payment date” means the date the department has informed tenants that rental assistance payments will be sent by the department to landlords on behalf of such tenants.

b. The department shall submit to the speaker of the council and post on its website quarterly reports on the timeliness of rental assistance payments. The first such report shall be due 30 days following the end of the calendar quarter covering October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, and all subsequent reports shall be due 30 days following the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. The total number of rental assistance payments sent disaggregated by month and rental assistance program;

2. The number of rental assistance payments sent after the scheduled payment date, disaggregated by the reasons such payments were late; and

3. A description of the actions the department will take to ensure rental assistance payments are consistently made on or before the scheduled payment date.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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