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A Local Law in relation to creating a task force on construction work in occupied multiple dwellings

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. There shall be an interagency task force to explore issues related to construction work in occupied multiple dwellings.

b. The task force shall consist of 13 members which shall include:

1. the commissioner of buildings, or their designee, who shall serve as co-director of the task force;
2. the commissioner of housing preservation and development, or their designee, who shall serve as co-director of the task force;
3. the commissioner of health and mental hygiene, or their designee;
4. the commissioner of environmental protection, or their designee;
5. five members appointed by the speaker of the council; and
6. four members appointed by the mayor.

c. In the event that a member's seat becomes vacant, such member's successor shall be appointed within sixty days of the vacancy. The new member shall be appointed in the same manner as the predecessor member whose vacancy is being filled.

d. Members appointed by the speaker and members appointed by the mayor may be removed by the appointing person.

e. The task force shall consult, on an ongoing basis, with tenants who reside in buildings undergoing construction or renovation to determine the common issues such tenants face as a result of such construction or renovation and to determine if these issues can be addressed by changing the current practices of the individual agencies represented in the task force.

f. The task force shall meet not less than quarterly and such meetings shall be considered a meeting of a public body subject to article 7 of the public officers law.

g. Within nine months of the enactment of the local law that added this section, the task force must complete an evaluation of the current practices of the individual agencies represented in the task force with regards to issues tenants face during construction or renovation of residential buildings. The task force shall issue a report to the mayor and the council including its findings and recommendations for improving interagency coordination and sharing of information within eighteen months of the enactment of the local law that added this section and shall update such report annually thereafter.

h. This task force shall dissolve upon submission of the third annual report as required by subdivision g of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after its enactment.

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