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A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to requiring that the roofs of certain new buildings be partially covered in plants or solar panels

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 15 of chapter 7 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section BC 1512 to read as follows:

Section BC 1512

GREEN ROOFS OR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS/MODULES REQUIRED

1512.1 General. Buildings or structures classified in accordance with section BC 302 of the New York city building code in occupancy groups A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, E, F-1, F-2, I-1, I-2, R-1, R-2 or R-3 shall cover at least 50 percent of available rooftop space with a green roof system or solar photovoltaic panels/modules, or with a combination of both.

Exception: Available rooftop space shall not include:

1. Any space required by the *New York City Fire Code*; and

2. Any space occupied by mechanical equipment.

1512.2 Installation. The installation of green roof systems and solar photovoltaic panels/modules shall comply with the following:

1512.2.1 Green roofs. The design and installation of green roof systems shall comply with section 1507.16 of this chapter.

1512.2.2 Solar photovoltaic panels/modules. The design and installation of solar photovoltaic panels/modules shall comply with section 1511.1 of this chapter.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of buildings shall take such measures as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to

its effective date.

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