

Legislation Text

Int. No. 384

By Council Members Ulrich, Koslowitz and Holden

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the use of hotel rooms as temporary shelter placements

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-323 to read as follows:

§ 21-323 Hotel disclosures. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the term "hotel" means a building or portion of it which is regularly used and kept open as such for the lodging of guests. The term "hotel" does not include buildings which formerly were used and kept open for the lodging of guests, but have been converted for the sole use of temporary housing for homeless individuals or families.

b. Any hotel that enters into a contract or similar agreement with the department or with a contracted provider of the department for the purpose of providing a room to an eligible homeless person or family shall disclose such information on all forms of advertising for such hotel and shall post a sign with such information in a location that is readily accessible to hotel patrons. The size, style, and wording of such signs shall be determined in accordance with rules promulgated by the commissioner.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after its enactment into law, provided that the commissioner shall promulgate any rules necessary for implementing and carrying out the provisions of this local law prior to such effective date.

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