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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of an online system to access property tax information and receive notification of changes to property tax exemptions

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 11-141 to read as follows:

§11-141 Property tax information system. The department shall provide a secure website that shall require verification that the user is accessing their own record. The information presented in such website shall be updated with any applicable changes no less frequently than daily. Such website shall include, but not be limited to, the following functionality:

a. allowing any property owner who has submitted an application for a property tax exemption administered by the department to view the current status of their application. Such website shall indicate for each individual whether the department has:

(1) received such property owner's application for a property tax exemption;

(2) approved or rejected such application, if applicable, and if rejected, a brief statement of the reason for rejection as well as a list of any missing documents that led the department to reject the request; and

(3) mailed or delivered a letter to such property owner containing information regarding the determination to approve or reject the application, and shall include the ability for such property owner to view an electronic version of the letter.

b. allowing the property owner to view their property's exemption status, including but not limited to,

for each exemption:

(1) active status, with the inclusion of the date on which the exemption became active, the date by which the property owner must apply to renew the exemption, and the date on which the exemption will become inactive; and

(2) inactive status, with a brief explanation of what this status means and why the exemption is categorized as such, as well as information on how the property owner can restore the exemption to active status.

c. allowing the property owner to view, if applicable, any documents such property owner has submitted to the department or that the department has submitted to such property owner, including the date on which such document was received by the department or submitted to such property owner;

d. allowing the property owner to view the payment status of their most recent property tax payment;

e. providing any property owner with the option to receive written or electronic alerts including, but not limited to, notification of a change in their exemption status; and

f. allowing the property owner to access existing online resources including, but not limited to, resources allowing such property owner to:

(1) apply for an exemption;

(2) update their individual or property information;

(3) pay their property tax bill; and

(4) submit questions to the department regarding property tax payments and exemptions.

§2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.