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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring tenant relocation services to the same community district, nearby community district, or borough

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 26-301 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law 14 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:

1. The commissioner of housing preservation and development shall have the power and it shall be his or her duty:

(a) To provide and maintain tenant relocation services

(i) for tenants of real property which the commissioner of housing preservation and development is authorized to maintain and supervise;

(ii) for tenants of real property acquired for public purposes, excluding real property acquired by or on behalf of the New York city housing authority or the triborough bridge and tunnel authority;

(iii) for tenants of real property located in any neighborhood improvement district designated by the city planning commission, where the displacement of such tenants results from the enforcement of any law, regulation, order or requirement pertaining to the maintenance and operation of such property or the health, safety and welfare of its occupants;

(iv) when authorized by the mayor, for the tenants of any privately owned building or other improvement which is to be voluntarily rehabilitated in accordance with an urban renewal plan pursuant to law; and

(v) for tenants of any privately owned building where such tenants vacate such building during a period when any law, regulation, order or requirement pertaining to the maintenance or operation of such building or the health, safety and welfare of its occupants requires such occupants to vacate such building.

Such services shall consist of such activities as such commissioner may deem necessary, useful or appropriate for the relocation of such tenants, including but not limited to the gathering and furnishing of information as to suitable vacant accommodations, the making of studies and surveys for the purpose of locating such accommodations and the provision of facilities for the registration of such accommodations with the department of housing preservation and development by owners, lessors and managing agents of real property and others. Such commissioner shall not impose any deadline or limitation of time in which a tenant may apply for relocation services pursuant to subparagraph (v) of this paragraph. Tenants receiving relocation services pursuant to subparagraph (v) of this paragraph shall be relocated at their request in suitable vacant accommodations located in the same community district or immediately adjacent community district as the building from which such tenants were displaced. If such accommodations are unavailable in tenants' requested or immediately adjacent community district, then such tenants shall be relocated to the nearest community district in the same borough, where possible.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner may take such actions as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before its effective date.

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