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A Local Law in relation to the provision of information to tenants of the New York city housing authority regarding the mold ombudsperson

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Call center. The term “call center” means the ombudsperson’s call center established pursuant to the court order.

City. The term “city” means the city of New York.

Court order. The term “court order” means the court order issued on September 20, 2019 in the case Baez et al. v. New York City Housing Authority by the United States district court in the southern district of New York.

Elected officials and community representatives. The term “elected officials and community representatives” means each council member, borough president and community board in the city, each state senator and state assembly member representing a district that is wholly or partly within the city, and each tenant organization and community-based organization identified by the office as providing services to tenants.

Mold ombudsperson. The term “mold ombudsperson” means the ombudsperson appointed pursuant to the court order or any subsequently appointed person with similar duties.

Office. The term “office” means an office or agency designated by the mayor.

Tenant. The term “tenant” means a tenant of the New York city housing authority.

§ 2. Provision of information about the mold ombudsperson. The office shall mail to each tenant a

pamphlet containing information about the mold ombudsperson and the right of such tenant to contact the mold ombudsperson, including, if relevant, the phase-in dates on which the call center will become available in different areas. Such pamphlet shall include information in English and each of the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101 of the administrative code of the city of New York, about how to contact the mold ombudsperson, including through the call center, with a complaint about mold and what information to include in such complaint. Such pamphlet shall be provided to each person who is a tenant as of the effective date of this local law and to each elected official and community representative no later than 60 days after the effective date of this local law, and to each person who becomes a tenant after the effective date of this local law no later than 60 days after such person becomes a tenant. Thereafter, such pamphlet shall be provided to each tenant, elected official and community representative at least annually.

§ 3. Public briefing. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this local law, and at least annually thereafter, the office shall hold a public briefing for elected officials and community representatives for the purpose of providing information about the functions and responsibilities of the mold ombudsperson.

§ 4. Effective date. This local law takes effect immediately and expires and is deemed repealed on the date that the mold ombudsperson ceases to be appointed.

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