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By Council Member Chin

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing penalties related to using joint living work quarters for artists contrary to zoning

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 6 of title 7 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 7-629 to read as follows:

§ 7-629 Joint living-work quarters for artists. a. Definition. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

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

Joint living-work quarters for artists. The term “joint living-work quarters for artists” has the same meaning as such term is defined in section 12-10 of the zoning resolution.

b. Recording requirement for owners of joint living-work quarters for artists. Within 90 days of acquiring ownership of a property that is a joint living-work quarter for artists, the owner of such property must record in the city register, or in the case of property within the county of Richmond, in the office of the clerk of such county, a statement that such property is a joint living-work quarter for artists, and that such property is therefore subject to regulations governing joint living-work quarters for artists pursuant to the zoning resolution. Such requirement shall not apply to an owner of such property who acquired ownership of such property prior to the effective date of the local law that added this section.

c. Notice recorded by city agencies. In addition to any statement required to be recorded by the owner of

a property that is a joint living-work quarter for artists pursuant to subdivision b of this section, for any property in the city of New York that is a joint living-work quarter for artists, an office or agency designated by the mayor may, where such office or agency determines it to be in the public interest, timely record in the city register, or in the case of property within the county of Richmond, in the office of the clerk of such county, notice that such property is a joint living-work quarter for artists, and that such property is therefore subject to regulations governing joint living-work quarters for artists pursuant to the zoning resolution. Each such notice shall include the borough, block and lot number of such property as set forth on the tax map.

§ 2. Section 28-201.2.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new item 8 to read as follows:

8. A violation of a requirement, established pursuant to the zoning resolution, related to a use contrary to the definition of joint living-work quarters for artists, as defined by section 12-10 of the zoning resolution.

§ 3. Section 28-202.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new exception 13 to read as follows:

13. A violation of a requirement, established pursuant to the zoning resolution, related to a use contrary to the definition of joint living-work quarters for artists, as defined by section 12-10 of the zoning resolution, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$15,000 for the first offense and \$25,000 for each subsequent offense. In addition to such civil penalties, a separate monthly penalty may be imposed of \$1,000 for each month that the violation is not corrected.

§ 4. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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