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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the installation of emergency generators in certain buildings.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 27-3006.1 to read as follows:

§27-3006.1 City buildings. a. There shall be installed in every building owned by the city of New York, on or in close proximity to such building, at least one electric generator having the capacity to supply to such building electrical power during a power outage, except that any city-owned nonresidential building operated by or on behalf of the board of education for educational purposes shall be excluded from the provisions of this section. Any such generator shall be configured to automatically turn on within one minute from the time of a power outage within such building to provide, at a minimum, for the illumination of hallways and stairs.

b. Any building subject to the requirements of subdivision a of this section existing at the enactment of this section shall be made to comply with the provisions of this section by July first, two thousand three.

c. Where the plans for the construction of a city-owned building have been approved by the department of buildings on or before the effective date of this subdivision, such building upon completion shall be subject to compliance with the provisions of subdivision a of this section prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, whether temporary or permanent.

d. The department of buildings, in consultation with the department of citywide administrative services, shall promulgate rules for the implementation of this section which shall include, but not be limited to, the type or types of generators acceptable for use in buildings owned by the city.

e. The provisions of this section shall apply to nonresidential buildings under the jurisdiction of the New York city housing authority.

§2. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 27-3008.1 to read as follows:

§27-3008.1 Residential buildings. a. There shall be installed in every residential building, except those residential buildings not exceeding six stories or seventy-five feet in height, on or in close proximity to such building, at least one electric generator having the capacity to supply to such building electrical power during a power outage. Any such generator shall be configured to automatically turn on within one minute from the time of a power outage within such building to provide, at a minimum, for the illumination of hallways and stairs.

b. Any residential building subject to the requirements of subdivision a of this section existing at the enactment of this section shall be made to comply with the provisions of this section by July first, two thousand three.

c. Where the plans for the construction of a residential building have been approved by the department of buildings on or before the effective date of this subdivision, such building upon completion shall be subject to compliance with the provisions of subdivision a of this section prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, whether temporary or permanent.

d. The department of buildings shall promulgate rules for the implementation of this section which shall include, but not be limited to, the type or types of generators acceptable for use in residential buildings.

e. The provisions of this section shall apply to residential buildings under the jurisdiction of the New

York city housing authority.

§3. This local law shall take effect in three hundred and sixty days, provided, however, that the department of buildings shall promulgate rules and take all other actions necessary for the implementation of this local law on or before such effective date.

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