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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to conducting an inventory of vacant spaces to provide housing for the homeless.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Article one of subchapter 4 of chapter 2 of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 27-2096.1 to read as follows:

§27-2096.1 Power to inventory units and issue licenses to provide housing for the homeless. Beginning immediately and on an ongoing basis, the department shall compile an inventory of all city-owned multiple dwellings under the jurisdiction of the department and classify all vacant dwelling units in these multiple dwellings as either suitable for immediate occupancy, suitable for occupancy after completion of repairs in accordance with a repair schedule, or uninhabitable. All dwelling units classified as suitable for occupancy shall be made immediately available by the department to the department of homeless services to provide housing for one or more eligible homeless persons, as defined in section 21-301 of the code. Such occupancy shall be pursuant to a license for twenty-nine days at a rate to be agreed upon with the department of homeless services. Any dwelling units classified as suitable for occupancy with a repair schedule shall be so repaired by the department in a workman-like manner and then immediately reclassified as suitable for immediate occupancy. Such dwelling unit shall immediately thereafter be made available to the department of homeless services to house one or more eligible homeless persons.

§2. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new

section 21-316 to read as follows:

§21-316 Agreement to inventory housing authority units and issue licenses to provide housing for the homeless. The corporation counsel shall enter into an agreement with the New York city housing authority whereby such housing authority shall compile an inventory of all multiple dwellings under its jurisdiction and classify all vacant dwelling units in these multiple dwellings as either suitable for immediate occupancy, suitable for occupancy after completion of repairs in accordance with a repair schedule, or uninhabitable. All dwelling units classified as suitable for occupancy shall be made immediately available by such housing authority to the department of homeless services to provide housing for one or more eligible homeless persons, as defined in section 21-301 of the administrative code of the city of New York. Such occupancy shall be pursuant to a license for twenty-nine days at a rate to be agreed upon with the department of homeless services. Any dwelling units classified as suitable for occupancy with a repair schedule shall be so repaired by the department of housing preservation and development in a workman-like manner and then immediately reclassified as suitable for immediate occupancy. Such dwelling unit shall immediately thereafter be made available to the department of homeless services to house one or more eligible homeless persons.

§3. This local law shall take effect immediately after it shall have been enacted into law.

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