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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the regulation and licensing of general contractors.

Be it enacted as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 1 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new article 10 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10

General Contractors License

§26-204.1 Definitions. For the purposes of this article:

a. "General contractor" means a person who enters into a contract for the improvement of real property or with a municipality or a public corporation for a public improvement, with or without the intent of employing subcontractors for the performance of his or her contract or any part thereof.

b. "Improvement" includes the demolition, erection, alteration or repair of any structure upon, connected with, or beneath the surface of, any real property and any work done upon such property or material furnished for its permanent improvement, except painting or decorating, including the drawing by any architect, engineer or surveyor of any plans or specifications or survey which are prepared for or used in connection with such improvement; provided, however, that this term shall not include contracts for improvements where the cost thereof is less than one thousand dollars.

c. "Licensee" means a person permitted to engage in business as a general contractor under the provisions of this article.

d. "Person" means an individual, firm, company, partnership, corporation, trade group or association.

e. "Subcontractor" means a person who enters into a contract with a general contractor and/or with a person who has contracted with or through such general contractor for the improvement of real property or of a public improvement or for the performance of the contract or any part thereof.

§26-204.2 Requirement of license. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct business as a general contractor on or after June first, two thousand three unless such person is licensed under the provisions of this article as a general contractor.

§26-204.3 License applications. All applications for a general contractor license shall comply with and be subject to the provisions of sections 26-132, 26-133, 26-134 and 26-135 of this subchapter.

§26-204.4 License qualifications. In addition to the general requirements set forth in section 26-133 of this subchapter, all applicants for a general contractor license shall submit satisfactory proof of the applicant's ability to read and understand blueprints, knowledge of the general uses and capacities of steel, concrete and lumber, and general knowledge of the provisions of the city building code.

§26-204.5 License fees. The fee for a general contractor license shall be one hundred dollars; and the annual renewal fee shall be fifty dollars.

§26-204.6 License conditions. All general contractor licenses shall be conditioned upon and subject to the provisions of sections 26-136 through 26-140 of this subchapter.

§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.

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