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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to disclosing the energy and water efficiency of 1-4 family homes, co-ops and condominiums.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 20 of chapter one of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 1082 to read as follows:

§27-1082 Disclosure of energy and water use in 1-4 family homes, co-ops and condominiums. a.

Definitions. For the purposes of this section only, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. “City” shall mean the city of New York.

2. “Energy Star” shall a designation from the United States environmental protection agency or department of energy indicating that a product meets the energy efficiency standards set forth by the agency for compliance with the ENERGY STAR program.

3. “Office” shall mean the office of sustainability.

b. The owner of any (i) dwelling unit in a building containing no more than 4 dwelling units; (ii) co-op; or (iii) condominium for sale or rent in the city shall provide to prospective purchasers information regarding the energy and water use of such unit, co-op or condominium, including but not limited to for each such unit, co-op or condominium (A) a list of and whether or not such appliances qualify for Energy Star; (B) a list of water closets and whether or not such water closets utilize more water than allowed for new water closets in compliance with the section 6295 of title 42 of the United States code; and (C) the monthly cost of electricity,

gas, oil and water, disaggregated by each such cost, for the preceding two years or for the time such owner owned such unit, co-op or condominium, whichever is shorter.

c. The information provided pursuant to subdivision b of this section shall be indicated on a standard reporting form developed by the office and posted on a website. Such form shall include, but not be limited to, an explanation of the economic and environmental benefits of energy efficiency and water conservation, an explanation of the regulation relating to water closets in the energy policy and conservation act, an explanation of Energy Star, and a list of measures an owner or tenant may follow to improve the energy efficiency of and water conservation in a 1-4 family home, co-op or condominium.

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