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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting discrimination against occupants of rent-regulated and rent-subsidized housing accommodations

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 8-102 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new definitions of “rent regulated tenant” and “rent subsidized tenant” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Rent-regulated tenant. The term “rent-regulated tenant” means a tenant, subtenant, lessee, sublessee or other person entitled to the possession or to the use of any housing accommodation subject to rent control as set forth in the city rent and rehabilitation law or rent stabilization as set forth in the rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred and sixty nine, as amended.

Rent-subsidized tenant. The term “rent-subsidized tenant” means a tenant, subtenant, lessee, sublessee, or other person entitled to the possession or to the use of any unit of affordable housing as the term “affordable housing” is defined in section 26-2101.

§ 2. Subdivision 5 of section 8-107 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph q to read as follows:

(q) Discrimination on the basis of status as rent-regulated or rent-subsidized tenant prohibited in housing accommodations. Where a housing accommodation or an interest therein is sought or occupied exclusively for residential purposes, the provisions of this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit discrimination on the basis of a person’s status as a rent-regulated or rent-subsidized tenant with respect to the

use of building entrances, facilities and amenities, including but not limited to, fitness centers, pools, game rooms, communal business centers, outdoor lounging areas, outdoor cooking areas, indoor cooking areas, indoor lounging areas and laundry facilities. It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice to:

(i) Prohibit a rent-regulated or rent-subsidized tenant from using any building entrance, facility or amenity that is available for the use of market-rate tenants;

(ii) Require a rent-regulated or rent-subsidized tenant to pay a fee that market-rate tenants are not also required to pay in order to gain access to any building entrance, facility or amenity.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the New York city commission on human rights shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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