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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring multiple dwelling owners to post notices regarding electric space heater safety

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Article 8 of subchapter 2 of chapter 2 of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 27-2032.1 to read as follows:

§ 27-2032.1 Electric space heater safety; notice. An owner of a multiple dwelling shall post conspicuously, in a form and manner to be determined by the commissioner, in the common areas of such building notices to occupants and tenants regarding electric space heater safety in the designated citywide languages, as determined pursuant to section 23-1101 and any additional languages as determined by the department in consultation with local community organizations. Each such notice shall recommend:

1. Purchasing an electric space heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.;

2. Choosing a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection, including tip-over automatic shut-off functionality;

3. Operating the heater at least 3 feet away from anything flammable;

4. Operating the heater only on a solid, flat surface;

5. Keeping the heater away from heavily trafficked areas in the dwelling;

6. Never blocking a dwelling exit;

- 7. Keeping children and pets away from the heater;
- 8. Plugging the heater directly into the wall outlet and never using an extension cord or surge protector;
- 9. Turning off and unplugging the heater when leaving a room or going to sleep; and
- 10. Any additional recommendations issued by the department.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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