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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of housing preservation and development to submit reports on veteran preference in Mitchell-Lama developments

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 26-2701 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law 218 for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:

§ 26-2701. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Department. The term “department” means the department of housing preservation and development.

Mitchell-Lama development. The term “Mitchell-Lama development” means a housing development organized pursuant to article two of the private housing finance law and supervised by the department.

Veteran. The term “veteran” shall have the same meaning as set forth in section 85 of the civil service law.

Veteran preference. The term “veteran preference” means the preference in admission as set forth in section 31 of the private housing finance law.

Waiting list. The term “waiting list” means a list of applicants from which the managing agent of a Mitchell-Lama development is required to process potential tenants or shareholders as applicable for subsequent occupancies of such development.

§ 2. Chapter 27 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a

new section 26-2703 to read as follows:

§ 26-2703 Mitchell-Lama veteran preference report. By September 1, 2023 and by September 1 of each year thereafter, the department shall submit to the mayor, the speaker of the council and the public advocate, a report on veteran preference in Mitchell-Lama developments that have been digitized and are incorporated into the housing portal required by section 26-1802. Such report shall be disaggregated by each Mitchell-Lama development and include, but need not be limited to, the following:

1. The number of veterans or their surviving spouses that have applied for occupancy;
2. The number of veterans or their surviving spouses that were selected for occupancy;
3. For each such applicant, the type of documentary proof used to establish the applicant's veteran

status;

4. The systems or processes in place to ensure that applicants given a veteran preference are veterans;

and

4. The number of persons who applied for occupancy and claimed veteran status but did not provide

satisfactory documentary proof of veteran status.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.