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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to intake facilities for families with children seeking shelter

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-332 to read as follows:

§ 21-332 Intake facilities for families with children. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Adult. The term “adult” means any person 18 years of age or older who is not a child.

Child. The term “child” means a person under 18 years of age or a person under 19 years of age if such person is a full-time student regularly attending secondary school or the equivalent level of vocational or technical training.

Family intake facility. The term “family intake facility” means a department facility that is open 24 hours per day and 7 days per week to accept and process applications for shelter from families with children.

Family with children. The term “family with children” means a family with at least 1 adult and 1 child, a couple including at least 1 pregnant person, a single pregnant person, or a parent or grandparent with a pregnant person.

Shelter. The term “shelter” means housing provided to homeless families with children by the department or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department pursuant to part 900 of

title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations.

b. The department shall maintain at least 1 family intake facility in the borough of the Bronx and shall establish at least 1 family intake facility in either the borough of Brooklyn or the borough of Queens. Each such family intake facility shall:

1. Be located in a geographic area that is easily accessible and in close proximity to public transportation;

2. Meet standards established by chapter 126 of title 42 of the United States code;

3. Be available to any family with children seeking to apply for shelter; and

4. Accept and process applications for shelter for families with children regardless of whether such family previously initiated the application process at a different family intake facility.

c. The department shall ensure adequate coordination and communication between family intake facilities.

d. The requirements of subdivisions b and c of this section shall be met no later than 3 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section; provided, however, that if the department determines that meeting such requirements would require submission of an application pursuant to sections one hundred ninety-seven-c and one hundred ninety-seven-d of the charter, such application shall be filed no later than 3 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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