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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to provision of senior citizen rent increase exemption application forms pre-populated with applicable data to eligible persons living in city-supervised Mitchell-Lama housing

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 7 of title 26 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 26-606.1 to read as follows:

§ 26-606.1 Assistance for residents eligible to apply to the senior citizen rent increase exemption program. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “resident” means a person who occupies a dwelling unit in a city-aided limited profit housing company development, who:

(i) has submitted an annual income affidavit to the supervising agency; and

(ii) appears to be eligible for the senior citizen rent increase exemption program, based upon review of applicable information available to the supervising agency.

b. No later than 90 days after the supervising agency receives a resident’s annual income affidavit, the supervising agency shall provide such resident with an application form for the senior citizen rent increase exemption program that contains all applicable data electronically populated in such application form for such resident. In addition, the supervising agency shall provide a letter to such resident with such application form that explains the features of the senior citizen rent increase exemption program; the purpose of such application form; and information on how to review, complete, modify as necessary, and return such application form to the

supervising agency. Such letter shall also contain any relevant contact information for the supervising agency or any other agency that may provide assistance with review, completion, and submission of such application form.

c. To meet the requirements of this section, the supervising agency shall digitize the information contained in each annual income affidavit submitted to such supervising agency.

d. This section does not preclude the supervising agency from accepting annual income affidavits and application forms for the senior citizen rent increase exemption program prepared on a paper form, via a web-based application portal, or other electronic form submission technology.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 1 year after it becomes law.

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