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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on locations in which persons are squatting

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-166.1 to read as follows:

§ 14-166.1 Report on squatting. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the term "squat" means to enter a building or property and reside or otherwise remain there without title, right, or permission of the owner, the owner's agent, or a person entitled to possession of such building or property.

b. Reporting requirement. 1. No later than 30 days after the beginning of each quarter, the commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of housing preservation and development, commissioner of information technology and telecommunications, and any other relevant agency, shall submit to the speaker of the council and shall post conspicuously on the department's website a report on buildings and properties in which the department has determined that persons were squatting at any time during the preceding quarter.

2. The report shall include a table in which each row references each individual building or property in which persons were determined to be squatting and that includes the following information set forth in separate columns, as well as any additional information the commissioner deems appropriate:

(a) The location of each such building or property, including the street address, the borough, block, and lot, and the council district in which such property is located;

(b) The number of days each such property has had persons squatting therein;

(c) How the department or any other relevant agency became aware that persons were squatting on such property;

(d) The number of complaints received about persons squatting on such property, including whether such complaints were received by the 311 customer service center, the 911 customer service center, or otherwise; and

(e) The department's or any other relevant agency's response to such complaints, including whether such complaints led to the removal of the persons squatting.

3. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this section, no report required by this section shall contain personally identifiable information.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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