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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a voluntary notice program and registry for temporarily vacant homes

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 14-169.1 to read as follows:

§ 14-169.1 Home vacancy notice program and registry. a. Notice program. 1. The commissioner shall establish a program in which dwelling owners and their tenants may provide notice to the department that their dwellings will be vacant for 21 consecutive days or more.

2. Such notice shall be provided on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall include the date the vacancy begins; the date the vacancy is expected to end, if applicable; the address of the dwelling; the telephone number and e-mail address of the person providing the notice; the telephone number and e-mail address of the dwelling owner; the date such vacancy notice was provided to the department; and any other information the commissioner requires.

3. The commissioner shall make such form available on paper and electronically and shall accept such notice on paper and electronically.

4. The department shall provide such notice to the police precinct in which the dwelling is located. Upon receiving such notice, the precinct shall provide the owner or tenant with a paper or electronic confirmation of receipt.

5. The program established under this subdivision shall be made available to all dwelling owners and tenants, including mortgagees of foreclosed properties.

b. Registry. 1. The commissioner shall keep a registry of all dwellings for which notice of vacancy has been provided to the department pursuant to subdivision a of this section. Such registry shall include copies of all vacancy notices provided pursuant to subdivision a of this section.

2. The information in such registry shall be used by the department only and, except where expressly required by applicable law, shall not be shared with the mayor or any other agency and shall not be subject to public disclosure.

3. The commissioner shall make available copies of the vacancy notice filed for a dwelling upon the request of the owner of such dwelling.

4. Following the expiration of a vacancy notice, the department shall dispose of such notice in accordance with applicable document retention schedules.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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