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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a 10-year plan to support aging in place

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York, is amended by adding a new section 21-205.1 to read as follows:

§ 21-205.1 Plans to support aging in place a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Aging in place. The term “aging in place” means when older adults remain in their existing homes or communities as they age, as an alternative to moving into an assisted-living facility, nursing home, or other institutional care facility.

Coordinating agencies. The term “coordinating agencies” means the department of buildings, the department of housing preservation and development, the department of transportation, and any other agency designated by the mayor.

Naturally occurring retirement community. The term “naturally occurring retirement community” has the same meaning as set forth in section 209 of the elder law.

Neighborhood naturally occurring retirement community. The term “neighborhood naturally occurring retirement community” has the same meaning as set forth in section 209 of the elder law.

Older adult. The term “older adult” means a person 60 years of age or older.

b. Ten-year plan. No later than 2 years after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner, in consultation with coordinating agencies, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post on the department's website a 10-year plan regarding older adults aging in place. Such plan shall focus on assisting older adults with aging in place throughout the city, considering the department's programs and services, including in naturally occurring retirement communities and neighborhood naturally occurring retirement communities, and shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. An estimation of the need for improvements and investments to enhance existing healthcare facilities, social services, access to transportation, and other supportive services that help older adults with aging in place throughout the city, as well as specific recommendations for any such improvements and investments in each borough;

2. An estimation of the need in each community district for accessibility improvements that facilitate the provision of services and allow for aging in place, including the installation in publicly owned spaces of lighting, railings, grab bars, ramps, elevators, escalators, curb cuts, and enhancements such as the widening of doorways and hallways, and other accessibility features, as well as recommendations for best practices to improve accessibility in privately owned spaces;

3. Supportive services and accessibility improvement projects the department and coordinating agencies plan to initiate and complete in the 10-year period following submission of the plan, disaggregated by borough, community district, and address;

4. Resources that the department and coordinating agencies determine will be needed for the purpose of implementing and maintaining any such supportive services and accessibility improvement projects; and

5. For each such supportive service and accessibility improvement project, (i) an estimate of how many older adults would be served, and (ii) a list of the boroughs, community districts, and neighborhoods that would be served.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.
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