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By Council Members Dinowitz, Sanchez, Stevens and Riley

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to streamlining the housing lottery application process for public assistance recipients

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 26-1801 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new definitions of “budget letter,” “public assistance,” and “public assistance documents” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Budget letter. The term “budget letter” means a document describing a household’s income and expenses and the public assistance that a household receives.

Public assistance. The term “public assistance” means all forms of public benefits provided by the federal government, state of New York, or city for which an individual may apply through the human resources administration/department of social services.

Public assistance documents. The term “public assistance documents” means a budget letter and documents submitted by an individual for the purpose of applying for or recertifying public assistance.

§ 2. Subdivision f of section 26-1802 of the administrative code of the city of New York is redesignated subdivision g.

§ 3. Section 26-1802 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision f to read as follows:

f. The department and the human resources administration/department of social services shall consult with the office of information privacy to create and implement a mechanism within the housing portal that,

upon a public assistance recipient's request and to the maximum extent allowed by applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, transmits the recipient's public assistance documents from the human resources administration/department of social services to the recipient's housing portal account, provided that such public assistance documents correspond to the application requirements for a listed unit.

§ 4. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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