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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to extending J-51 benefits to owners of multiple dwellings for sustainable roofing zones

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 11-243 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 60 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

b. Subject to the limitations provided in subdivision d of this section and the restrictions in this section on conversion of buildings used in whole or in part for single room occupancy, any increase in the assessed valuation of real property shall be exempt from taxation for local purposes to the extent such increase results from the reasonable cost of: (1) the conversion of a class B multiple dwelling to a class A multiple dwelling except insofar as the gross cubic content of such building is increased thereby; or (2) the conversion of any nonresidential building or structure situated in the county of New York to a class A multiple dwelling except insofar as the gross cubic content of such building is increased; or (3) the conversion of any nonresidential building or structure situated in the counties of Bronx, Kings, Queens or Richmond to a class A multiple dwelling except insofar as the gross cubic content of such building or structure is increased thereby; or (4) alterations or improvements to the exterior of an otherwise eligible building or structure visible from a public street pursuant to a permit issued by the landmarks commission with respect to a designated historic or landmark site or structure; or (5) alterations or improvements constituting a moderate rehabilitation of a substantially occupied class A multiple dwelling except insofar as the gross cubic content of such building or

structure is increased thereby; or (6) alterations or improvements to an otherwise eligible building or structure commenced after January first, nineteen hundred eighty designed to conserve the use of fuel, electricity or other energy sources or to reduce demand for electricity, including the installation of meters for purposes of measuring the amount of electricity consumed for each dwelling unit, and conversions of direct metering to a system that includes a master meter and submeters in any cooperative, condominium, or housing development fund company organized under article eleven of the private housing finance law; or (7) alterations or improvements to existing dwellings to eliminate existing unhealthy or dangerous conditions in any such existing dwelling or replace inadequate and obsolete sanitary facilities in any such existing dwelling, any of which represents fire or health hazards, including as improvements asbestos abatement to the extent such asbestos abatement is required by federal, state or local law, except insofar as the gross cubic content of such existing dwelling is increased thereby; or (8) conversion of residential units qualified for the protection of article seven-C of the multiple dwelling law in buildings or portions thereof registered with the New York city loft board as interim multiple dwellings pursuant to such article to units which are in compliance with the standards of safety and fire protection set forth in article seven-B of the multiple dwelling law or to units which have a certificate of occupancy as class A multiple dwellings; or (9) alterations or improvements commenced on or after September first, nineteen hundred eighty-seven constituting a substantial rehabilitation of a class A multiple dwelling, or a conversion of a building or structure into a class A multiple dwelling, as part of a program to provide housing for low and moderate income households as defined by the department of housing preservation and development pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision m of this section, provided that such alterations or improvements or conversions shall be aided by a grant, loan or subsidy from any federal, state or local agency or instrumentality, including, in the discretion of the department of housing preservation and development, a subsidy in the form of a below market sale from the city of New York; or (10) alterations or improvements to any private dwelling or conversion of any private dwelling to a multiple dwelling or conversion of any multiple dwelling to a private dwelling, provided that such alterations,

improvements or conversions are part of a project that has applied for or is receiving benefits pursuant to this section and shall be aided by a grant, loan or subsidy from any federal, state or local agency or instrumentality; or (11) replacement of the entire existing roof deck or roof assembly of a class A multiple dwelling with the incorporation of a sustainable roofing zone in compliance with chapter 15 of the New York city building code. Such conversions, alterations or improvements shall be completed within thirty months after the date on which same shall be started except that such thirty month limitation shall not apply to conversions of residential units which are registered with the loft board in accordance with article seven-C of the multiple dwelling law pursuant to paragraph eight of this subdivision. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a sixty-month period for completion shall be available for alterations or improvements undertaken by a housing development fund company organized pursuant to article eleven of the private housing finance law, which are carried out with the substantial assistance of grants, loans or subsidies from any federal, state or local governmental agency or instrumentality or which are carried out in a property transferred from the city of New York if alterations and improvements are completed within seven years after the date of transfer. In addition, the department of housing preservation and development may grant an extension of the period of completion for any project carried out with the substantial assistance of grants, loans or subsidies from any federal, state or local governmental agency or instrumentality, if such alterations, improvements or conversions are completed within sixty months from commencement of construction. Provided, further, that such conversions, alterations or improvements shall in any event be completed prior to June thirtieth, two thousand nineteen. Exemption for conversions, alterations or improvements pursuant to paragraph one, two, three, four, six, seven, eight or ten of this subdivision shall continue for a period not to exceed fourteen years and begin no sooner than the first tax period immediately following the completion of such conversions, alterations or improvements. Exemption for alterations or improvements pursuant to paragraph five or nine of this subdivision shall continue for a period not to exceed thirty-four years and shall begin no sooner than the first tax period immediately following the completion of such alterations or improvements. Such exemption shall be equal to the increase in the valuation,

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which is subject to exemption in full or proportionally under this subdivision for ten or thirty years, whichever

is applicable. After such period of time, the amount of such exempted assessed valuation of such improvements

shall be reduced by twenty percent in each succeeding year until the assessed value of the improvements is

fully taxable. Provided, however, exemption for any conversions, alterations or improvements, which are aided

by a loan or grant under article eight, eight-A, eleven, twelve, fifteen, or twenty-two of the private housing

finance law, section six hundred ninety-six-a or section ninety-nine-h of the general municipal law, or section

three hundred twelve of the housing act of nineteen hundred sixty-four (42 U.S.C. § 1452b), or the Cranston-

Gonzalez national affordable housing act, (42 U.S.C. § 12701, et seq.), or started after July first, nineteen

hundred eighty-three by a housing development fund company organized pursuant to article eleven of the

private housing finance law which are carried out with the substantial assistance of grants, loans or subsidies

from any federal, state or local governmental agency or instrumentality or which are carried out in a property

transferred from the city of New York and where alterations and improvements are completed within seven

years after the date of transfer may commence at the beginning of any tax period subsequent to the start of such

conversions, alterations or improvements and prior to the completion of such conversions, alterations or

improvements. The assessed valuation of the land occupied by such dwelling and any increase in assessed

valuation resulting from conversions, alterations, or improvements other than those made pursuant to this

section shall not be affected by the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 270 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of housing

preservation and development shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local

law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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