



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FINANCE DIVISION  
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR  
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**PROPOSED INT. NO. 263-A**

**COMMITTEE: Housing and Buildings**

**TITLE:** To amend the New York city plumbing code, in relation to reducing the waste of potable water for cooling

**SPONSORS: Dickens, Brewer, Comrie, Foster, James, Lander, Williams, Mark-Viverito and Lappin**

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** Proposed Int. No. 263-A would make amendments to the New York City's Plumbing Code in relation to once-through cooling systems. Proposed Int. No. 263-A would prohibit the use of potable water for once-through cooling systems such as large ice-making machines, walk-in coolers, refrigerated walk-in boxes and air conditioning equipment. Once-through cooling equipment uses drinking water that is passed through a piece of equipment to provide cooling, and then the water is dumped into the sewer system and wasted. This bill would continue to allow the use of water-cooled ice makers producing less than 500 lbs of ice per day, as they present less of a risk of large amounts of wasted water and once-through cooling equipment in buildings which installed such piping systems prior to January 1, 2011 including any subsequent replacements to such systems that use the same or lesser amount of potable water.

This bill would apply to new construction of commercial buildings and spaces and to replacements to cooling systems which require the use of more water than the water used prior to a certain date.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This local law would take effect on January 1, 2011, except that the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings could take such actions as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

**FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED:** Fiscal 2011

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

	<b>Effective FY11</b>	<b>FY Succeeding Effective FY12</b>	<b>Full Fiscal Impact FY11</b>
<b>Revenues (+)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Expenditures (-)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** There would be no impact on revenues by the enactment of this legislation.

**IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES:** There would be no impact on expenditures by the enactment of this legislation.

**SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS:** Not applicable

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** New York City Council Finance Division

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**DATE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL:** Introduced by City Council and referred to Housing and Buildings Committee as Int. No. 263 on June 9, 2010. Laid over and hearing held by Committee on June 22, 2010 as Int. No. 263. An amendment has been proposed, and the Committee will vote on an amended version of the legislation, Proposed Int.263-A, on October 13, 2010.