



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

**Re: Disapproval of Introductory No. 1412-A**

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 1412-A, which would amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York "in relation to redefining terms concerning immigration enforcement to account for current enforcement practices, and prohibiting the maintenance of an office or quarters on property under the jurisdiction of the department of correction by federal immigration authorities."

Int. No. 1412-A updates certain definitions, specifies that no property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction (DOC) may be utilized by federal immigration authorities, and clarifies the prohibition against City employees' and officers' engagement in immigration enforcement. Administrative Code section 9-131(h)(2) already limits the ability of federal immigration authorities to maintain an office or quarters on land under DOC jurisdiction "for the purpose of investigating possible violations of civil immigration law" but allows the Mayor to establish such office or quarters for federal enforcement "unrelated to the enforcement of civil immigration laws" by executive order. The Mayor and DOC Commissioner must continue to determine the best way to safeguard persons in DOC custody, including through partnerships with federal agencies to conduct criminal investigations and curb gang violence.

Accordingly, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 1412-A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Adams".

Eric Adams  
Mayor

Cc: Hon. Adrienne Adams, Speaker

Proposed Int. No. 1412-A

By Council Members Cabán, Abreu, Avilés, Nurse, Hanif, Ossé, Marte, De La Rosa, Hudson, Sanchez, Bottcher, Banks, Brewer, Powers, Restler, Ayala, Brannan, Krishnan, Riley, Fariás, Feliz, Gutiérrez, Won, Dinowitz, Brooks-Powers, Louis, Menin, Lee, Williams, Stevens, Joseph, Salamanca, Salaam, Moya, Epstein and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) (in conjunction with the Brooklyn Borough President)

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to redefining terms concerning immigration enforcement to account for current enforcement practices, and prohibiting the maintenance of an office or quarters on property under the jurisdiction of the department of correction by federal immigration authorities

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

1       Section 1. Paragraph 4 of subdivision a of section 9-131 of the administrative code of the  
2       city of New York, as added by local law number 58 for the year 2014, is amended to read as  
3       follows:

4       4. "Federal immigration authorities" shall mean any officer[,] or employee of, or person  
5       otherwise paid by or acting as an agent of [United States immigration and customs enforcement or  
6       any division thereof or any other officer, employee or person otherwise paid by or acting as an  
7       agent of the United States department of homeland security who is charged with enforcement of  
8       the civil provisions of the immigration and nationality act] or performing duties on behalf of the  
9       federal government, whose duties include, in whole or in part: (i) enforcement of the civil  
10       provisions of the immigration and nationality act; (ii) enforcement of any provision of federal law,  
11       including but not limited to chapter 3 of title 50 of the United States code and section 1459 of title  
12       19 of the United States code, that penalizes a person being found in, or a person's presence in,  
13       failure to depart from, entry into, or reentry into, the United States; (iii) enforcement of any  
14       provision of federal law that penalizes conduct related to the registration, travel document, or  
15       supervision requirements contained in the immigration and nationality act; or (iv) enforcement of  
16       any other provision of federal law where the mayor has determined that such federal law is being

1       used by federal immigration authorities as a proxy for civil immigration enforcement. The term  
2       “federal immigration authorities” shall not include any personnel of the city acting in the course  
3       of their employment with the city.

4           § 2. Subdivision d of section 9-131 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as  
5       added by local law number 62 for the year 2011, is amended to read as follows:

6           d. No conflict with existing law. This [local law] section supersedes all conflicting mayoral  
7       executive orders and memoranda of understanding entered into by the city, as well as all conflicting  
8       policies, rules, procedures, and practices of the city [of New York]. Nothing in this [local law]  
9       section shall be construed to prohibit any city agency from cooperating with federal immigration  
10      authorities when required under federal law. Nothing in this [local law] section shall be interpreted  
11      or applied so as to create any power, duty, or obligation in conflict with any federal or state law.

12           § 3. Paragraph 2 of subdivision h of section 9-131 of the administrative code of the city of  
13       New York, as added by local law number 58 for the year 2014, is amended to read as follows:

14           2. Federal immigration authorities shall not be permitted to maintain an office or quarters  
15      on land over which the department exercises jurisdiction, for [the] any purpose [of investigating  
16      possible violations of civil immigration law; provided, however, that the mayor may, by executive  
17      order, authorize federal immigration authorities to maintain an office or quarters on such land for  
18      purposes unrelated to the enforcement of civil immigration laws].

19           § 4. The definition of “immigration enforcement” set forth in subdivision a of section 10-  
20      178 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 228 for the  
21      year 2017, is amended to read as follows:

22           Immigration enforcement. The term “immigration enforcement” means the enforcement of  
23      [any] the civil [provision] provisions of the immigration and nationality act [and]: enforcement of

1 any provision of [such] federal law, including but not limited to chapter 3 of title 50 of the United  
2 States code and section 1459 of title 19 of the United States code, that penalizes a person being  
3 found in, or a person's presence in, failure to depart from, entry into, or reentry into, the United  
4 States; enforcement of any provision of federal law that penalizes conduct related to the  
5 registration, travel document, or supervision requirements contained in the immigration and  
6 nationality act; and enforcement of any provision of federal law where the mayor has determined  
7 that such federal law is being used by federal immigration authorities as a proxy for civil  
8 immigration enforcement.

9 § 5. Subdivision b of section 10-178 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as  
10 added by local law number 228 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:

11 b. No agency shall subject its officers or employees to the direction and supervision of the  
12 secretary of homeland security or the head of any non-local law enforcement agency primarily in  
13 furtherance of immigration enforcement.

14 § 6. Paragraph 3 of subdivision a of section 14-154 of the administrative code of the city  
15 of New York, as amended by local law number 59 for the year 2014, is amended to read as follows:

16 3. "Federal immigration authorities" shall mean any officer[,] or employee, or person  
17 otherwise paid by or acting as an agent of [United States immigration and customs enforcement or  
18 any division thereof or any other officer, employee or person otherwise paid by or acting as an  
19 agent of the United States department of homeland security who is charged with enforcement of  
20 the civil provisions of the immigration and nationality act] or performing duties on behalf of the  
21 federal government, whose duties include, in whole or in part: (i) enforcement of the civil  
22 provisions of the immigration and nationality act; (ii) enforcement of any provision of federal law,  
23 including but not limited to chapter 3 of title 50 of the United States code and section 1459 of title

1       19 of the United States code, that penalizes a person being found in, or a person's presence in,  
2       failure to depart from, entry into, or reentry into, the United States; (iii) enforcement of any  
3       provision of federal law that penalizes conduct related to the registration, travel document, or  
4       supervision requirements contained in the immigration and nationality act; or (iv) enforcement of  
5       any other provision of federal law where the mayor has determined that such federal law is being  
6       used by federal immigration authorities as a proxy for civil immigration enforcement. The term  
7       "federal immigration authorities" shall not include any personnel of the city acting in the course  
8       of their employment with the city.

9           § 7. Subdivision d of section 14-154 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as  
10       amended by local law number 59 for the year 2014, is amended to read as follows:

11           d. No conflict with existing law. This [local law] section supersedes all conflicting policies,  
12       rules, procedures, and practices of the city [of New York]. Nothing in this [local law] section shall  
13       be construed to prohibit any city agency from cooperating with federal immigration authorities  
14       when required under federal law. Nothing in this [local law] section shall be interpreted or applied  
15       so as to create any power, duty, or obligation in conflict with any federal or state law.

16           § 8. This local law takes effect immediately.

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I hereby certify that the above bill was passed by the Council of the City of  
New York on Thursday, December 18, 2025 receiving the following votes:

Affirmative..... 39  
Negative..... 9  
Abstentions..... 0

  
Michael M. McSweeney, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

**DISAPPROVED**  
ON THE 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF Dec 2025  
  
MAYOR