

# Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared By New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget



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**Proposed Intro No. / Title:** *Int. 1407-A / The sale of tax liens*

**Sponsors:** The Speaker (Council Member Adams) and Council Members Nurse, Brannan, Farías, Schulman, Avilés, Williams, Banks, Lee, Brooks-Powers, Stevens, Hanif, Ossé, Hudson and Louis

**Committee:** Finance

**Summary of Legislation:** This legislation would add, as a condition of the lien sale, a prohibition of foreclosure against class one properties that are residential property and the primary residence of the owner. This prohibition does not apply to properties where the amount of the lien is the lesser of 15% of the market value of such property (as determined by the final assessment roll) or \$70,000. The legislation also stipulates that, after December 31, 2028, the city may only sell liens to the New York City Land Bank.

**Effective Date:** Immediately upon enactment

**First Fiscal Year Legislation Takes Effect:** Fiscal Year 2026

**First Fiscal Year with Full Impact:** Fiscal Year 2029

**Agencies Impacted:** Department of Finance, Department of Environmental Protection

## Fiscal Impact Analysis

### A. Total Impact (Expense and Revenue)

	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Total
Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

**B. Expense**

	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Total
Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0

**Impact on Expenditures (Expense):**

There is no anticipated impact on expense expenditures.

**C. Revenue**

	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Total
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-

**Impact on Revenue:**

The legislation would require any liens sold after 2028 to go to the New York City Land Bank, which introduces uncertainty into related processes as to make the lien sale no longer a reliable expectation, impacting property tax and water and sewer charge collections, as well as water and sewer rates and capital improvement programs.

**Property Taxes**

It is anticipated that this legislation will result in lost revenue to the City annually from the lien sale not being conducted. Additionally, this legislation is expected to increase the property tax delinquency rate, resulting in additional lost property tax revenue to the City annually.

**Water and Sewer Revenues**

It is anticipated that this legislation will result in lost revenue to the water system commencing immediately. This loss in revenue is due to a significant number of delinquent properties being ineligible for foreclosure, resulting in less incentivization to pay their water bills.

**D. Capital**

	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Total
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

**Impact on Expenditures (Capital):**

There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.