

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

No. 85

Introduced by Council Members Maloney, Dinowitz, Louis, Schulman, Brewer, Feliz, Salaam, Encarnación, Abreu, Ung, Hanks, Lee, Wong, Paladino, Ariola and Vernikov.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to emergency planning for religious and non-profit institutions

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-189 to read as follows:

§ 10-189 Emergency plans for religious and non-profit institutions. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Emergency plan. The term “emergency plan” means a plan for a religious or non-profit institution to prepare for and respond to an emergency, including information or guidance on identifying and mitigating safety risks and threats, maintaining or restoring order, evacuating premises safely as needed during an emergency, and adopting best practices for institution representatives, such as administrators, teachers, and other on-site personnel, regarding actions to take before, during and after an emergency.

Religious or non-profit institution. The term “religious or non-profit institution” means a building or space that any corporation or association organized or conducted exclusively for religious, charitable, hospital, or educational purposes, including, but not limited to an

organization that qualifies as an exempt organization pursuant to paragraph 3 of subdivision c of section 501 of the internal revenue code, owns, leases, or routinely uses as a meeting place for such corporation or association, including a meeting of such corporation or association that includes members of the public.

b. The police department shall provide support to an owner or operator of a religious or non-profit institution that requests support in establishing and maintaining an emergency plan.

§ 2. This local law takes effect July 1, 2026.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on March 26, 2026 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on April 27, 2026.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 85 of 2026, Council Int. No. 297-A of 2026) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

BRENDA COOKE, Acting Corporation Counsel.