

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2019**

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**No. 216**

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Introduced by Council Members Levine, Perkins, Chin, Kallos, Lander, Louis, Barron, Ayala, Vallone, Levin and Rosenthal.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**In relation to a housing lottery system report**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. No later than January 1, 2021, the department of housing preservation and development shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report providing details about the housing lottery systems used by such department for the selection of tenants to fill affordable housing units in affordable housing developments during the period between January 1, 2014 until the submission date of such report. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, a summary of implementation challenges, the procedures set forth by such department to screen and select tenants, the procedures for accepting and processing paper and other non-electronic applications, the procedures for populating waiting lists including the procedures for incorporating paper and other non-electronic applications into waiting lists, a summary of technical difficulties with the online housing lottery system application portal reported to such department and common substantiated applicant complaints about the selection process. In preparing such report, such department may consult with interested members of the public and stakeholders who have knowledge about affordable housing and affordable housing lotteries to ensure that the report required by this section is adequately comprehensive.

§ 2. No later than January 1, 2023, and every two years thereafter, the department of housing preservation and development shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report providing details about amendments to the housing lottery systems used by such department for the selection of tenants to fill affordable housing units in affordable housing developments during the immediately preceding reporting period. The information included in such report shall include, but need not be limited to, a summary of implementation challenges, the procedures set forth by such department to screen and select tenants, the procedures for accepting and processing paper and other non-electronic applications, the procedures for populating waiting lists including the procedures for incorporating paper and other non-electronic applications into waiting lists, a summary of technical difficulties with the online housing lottery system application portal reported to such department and common substantiated applicant complaints about the selection process. In preparing such report, such department may consult with interested members of the public and stakeholders who have knowledge about affordable housing and affordable housing lotteries to ensure that the report required by this section is adequately comprehensive.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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 November 14, 2019 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on December 16, 2019.

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. 216 of 2019, Council Int. No. 550-A of 2018) 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.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.