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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring sheriffs and city marshals to report housing displacement to the department of social services/human resources administration to evaluate eligibility for legal counsel

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 808 of the New York city charter, as added by local law number 43 for the year 2018, is renumbered section 809.

§ 2. Chapter 34 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 809-a to read as follows:

§ 809-a. Reporting housing displacement. Where the sheriff or city marshal executing a warrant of eviction or any order or judgment granting legal possession has informed the department that a court order will result in housing displacement, the department shall notify the department of social services/human resources administration within 48 hours of receiving such information.

§ 3. Chapter 5 of title 7 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 7-517 to read as follows:

§ 7-517 Reporting housing displacement. Where the sheriff executing a warrant of eviction or any order or judgment granting legal possession will result in housing displacement, the sheriff shall notify the department of social services/human resources administration within 48 hours of receiving such information.

§ 4. Chapter 1 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-138.1 to read as follows:

§ 21-138.1 Housing displacement response. Where the department is informed that the sheriff or city marshal executing a warrant of eviction or any order or judgment granting legal possession will result in housing displacement, the department shall review such individual's eligibility for legal counsel pursuant to section 26-1301 of the administrative code within 48 hours of receiving such information. The department shall inform the individual of their eligibility for legal counsel and provide the contact information for such counsel prior to the execution of a warrant of eviction. The department shall provide such information in plain language and in the language that is most appropriate for the individual.

§ 5. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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