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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to altering the timeline of initial façade examinations for new construction and coordinating all façade examinations on each city block

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 28-302.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 126 for the year 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 28-302.2 Inspection requirements. A critical examination of a building's exterior walls and appurtenances thereof shall be conducted at periodic intervals as set forth by rule of the commissioner, but such examination shall be conducted at least once during each five-year report filing cycle, as defined by rule of the department. The initial examination for a new building shall be conducted in the [fifth] eighth year following the erection or installation of any exterior wall [and/] or appurtenances as evidenced by the issuance date of a temporary or final certificate of occupancy or as otherwise prescribed by rule.

1. [Such] The examination shall be conducted on behalf of the building owner by or under the direct supervision of a registered design professional with appropriate qualifications as prescribed by the department.

2. [Such] The examination shall include a complete review of the most recently prepared report and an inspection.

3. [Such] The examination shall be conducted in accordance with rules promulgated by the commissioner.

4. To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall coordinate the submission of critical examination reports to ensure that all buildings that share a block submit the critical examination reports simultaneously.

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

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