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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the development of a public housing entrepreneurship and commercial popup program

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 22-821 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new definitions of “public housing commercial pop up,” “public housing entrepreneurship program,” and “public housing vacant space” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Public housing commercial pop up. The term “public housing commercial pop up” means a business owned by one or more public housing residents that temporarily occupies public housing vacant space for the purpose of conducting a retail business.

Public housing entrepreneurship program. The term “public housing entrepreneurship program” means a business incubator program supporting public housing residents start or grow their business through mentorship, access to resources, and financing opportunities.

Public housing vacant space. The term “public housing vacant space” means unoccupied retail space owned by the New York city housing authority that could reasonably be used for a commercial pop up.

§ 2. Subchapter 2 of chapter 8 of title 22 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 22-827 to read as follows:

§ 22-827 Public housing entrepreneurship program. a. In each covered contract with a contracted entity executed on or after the effective date of this section, the commissioner shall require such contracted entity to

create and maintain a public housing entrepreneurship program. Such contracted entity shall seek cooperation and assistance from the New York city housing authority in creating and maintaining such program.

b. Such contracted entity shall produce a report on the feasibility of using public housing vacant space to house public housing commercial pop ups. Such report shall also include recommendations on how the use of public housing vacant space for public housing commercial pop ups could be incorporated into the public housing entrepreneurship program. Such report shall be delivered to the mayor and speaker of the council and posted on the website of such contracted entity, or, if no such website is maintained, the commissioner shall post such report on the department's website, within one year after the enactment of this section. Such contracted entity shall seek cooperation and assistance from the New York city housing authority in producing such report.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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