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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification of certain local officials of fires located within their jurisdiction

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 15 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 15-148 to read as follows:

§ 15-148 Notification of local officials regarding fires. a. The commissioner shall notify a community board, borough president, and council member of a structural fire occurring in any location within their respective jurisdiction and of pertinent information relating to such fire within 6 hours after the commissioner becoming aware of such fire. Such notification shall include:

1. The initial alarm level of such fire;
2. The highest alarm level of such fire;
3. The type of structure affected by such fire; and
4. The address of the location of such fire.

b. The commissioner shall solicit from community boards, borough presidents, and council members: (i) designations regarding whether they prefer to receive a notification pursuant to subdivision a of this section by text message, phone call, e-mail, or a combination of such options; and (ii) a phone number, e-mail address, or both, as appropriate. The commissioner shall issue such notification according to such designation. In the absence of such designation, the commissioner shall determine the means of issuing such notification.

c. The commissioner shall not issue a notification pursuant to subdivision a of this section if the commissioner determines that such notification is inappropriate under the circumstances, including but not limited to by compromising the safety of the public or a law enforcement investigation or operations.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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