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§ 28-116.2.1 Preliminary inspection. Before approving construction documents, the commissioner is authorized to examine or cause to be examined structures or premises for which an application has been filed. The department shall conduct preliminary inspections of no less than 20 percent of buildings containing six or more units where (i) an application for construction documents is submitted to the department and (ii) the applicant has indicated that the building that is the subject of such application is unoccupied, in order to verify the occupancy status of such sites.

§ 2. Article 116 of chapter 1 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 28-116.2.1.1 to read as follows:

§ 28-116.2.1.1 Preliminary inspection reporting. By January 1, 2021 and no later than January 1 annually thereafter, the department of buildings shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report describing the findings of preliminary inspections performed pursuant to section 28-116.2.1 in the preceding year. Such report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the total number of applications found to have falsely indicated that a building was unoccupied; and (ii) for each application found to have falsely indicated that a building was unoccupied, the location of the associated building and date of filing for such application.

§ 3. This local law takes effect on January 1, 2020, except that the commissioner of buildings may take such actions as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

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