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By Council Member Grodenchik

A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to directional signs in residential buildings

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section BC 1011.1 of the New York city building code, as amended by local law 141 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

1011.1 Where required. Exits and exit access doors shall be marked by an approved exit sign readily visible from any direction of egress travel. The path of egress travel to exits and within exits shall be marked by readily visible exit signs to clearly indicate the direction of egress travel in cases where the exit or the path of egress travel is not immediately visible to the occupants. Intervening means of egress doors within exits shall be marked by exit signs. Exit sign placement shall be such that no point in an exit access corridor or exit passageway is more than 100 feet (30 480 mm) or the listed viewing distance for the sign, whichever is less, from the nearest visible exit sign.

Exceptions:

1. Exit signs are not required in rooms or areas that require only one exit or exit access, except that Group R buildings that are 40 feet (12.192 m) or more in height shall comply with the requirements of this Section.

2. Exit signs are not required in occupancies in Group U and individual sleeping units or dwelling units in Group I-1 or R. However, in a congregate living unit where the occupancy of such unit exceeds four people, exit signs shall be provided.

3. Exit signs are not required in dayrooms, sleeping rooms or dormitories in occupancies in Group I-3.

4. In occupancies in Groups A-4 and A-5, exit signs are not required on the seating side of vomitories or openings into seating areas where exit signs are provided in the concourse that are readily apparent from the vomitories. Such vomitories shall be provided with emergency egress lighting to identify each vomitory or opening within the seating area.

§ 2. Chapter 3 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 28-315.2.5 as follows:

§ 28-315.2.5 Directional exit signs. Owners of all buildings 40 feet or more in height classified in occupancy Group R in accordance with section BC 310 of the New York city building code shall provide directional signs to indicate the exit or the path of egress travel where such exit or path is not immediately visible to the occupants. Such signs shall be installed in accordance with section 1011 of such code. Installation of such signs shall be completed no later than December 31, 2018.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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