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A Local Law in relation to accessory sign violations and waiving penalties and fees for signs that are accessory to a use on the same zoning lot

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 3 of local law number 28 for the year 2019 is amended to read as follows:

§ 3. Violations for existing accessory signs. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no applicable violations shall be issued on or after the effective date of the local law that last amended this section for an accessory sign in existence on or before [the effective date of this section] such date for a period of two years [commencing on the effective date of this section], unless such accessory sign creates an imminent threat to public health or safety or the commissioner of buildings determines that such sign is otherwise not eligible for the temporary waiver created under this section.

§ 2. Section 4 of local law number 28 for the year 2019 is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. Temporary assistance for respondents. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner of buildings shall establish a temporary program to provide assistance to respondents of judgments resulting from applicable violations resolved by payment by the respondent or other payor between June 1, 2006 and the effective date of [this legislation] the local law that last amended this section for a [180 day] two-year period. The assistance provided by such program shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Technical assistance in acquiring the permit or permits required to install an accessory sign;
2. Review of all permit applications relevant to the installation of an accessory sign including a

preliminary review of compliance with paragraph (a) of section 32-653 or paragraph (a) of section 42-542 of the zoning resolution, or any provision amending, replacing or supplementing such sections of the zoning resolution within seven days of receiving such application; and

3. A waiver of [75 percent of] all fees in connection with permits relevant to the installation of an accessory sign[; and] incurred on or after the effective date of the local law that last amended this section.

§ 3. Section 5 of local law number 28 for the year 2019 is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. Business assistance for respondents. Respondents of judgments resulting from applicable violations resolved by payment by the respondent or other payor between June 1, 2006 and the effective date of [this legislation] the local law that last amended this section shall be directed by the department of buildings to the department of small business services for additional business assistance, financial or otherwise.

§ 4. This local law takes effect immediately and is retroactive to and deemed to have been in effect as of January 1, 2021.

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