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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of a flash flood emergency evacuation plan for residents of multiple dwellings and outreach and reporting relating thereto

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 30-114 of title 30 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 17 for the year 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 30-114 Localized emergency preparedness materials. The commissioner shall develop and disseminate localized emergency preparedness materials, including detailed evacuation plans, for communities, including all multiple dwellings, in which there is a risk of evacuation due to flash floods, coastal storms or hurricanes to increase public awareness as to the appropriate responses by members of the public to such risk and of the resources available during such flash flood, coastal storm or hurricane within and near such communities. Such materials shall:

- a. [be] Be limited to information relevant to that community, as identified by zip code or contiguous zip codes in a geographic area;
- b. [identify] Identify any local evacuation zones, evacuation centers or other such geographic information relevant to an evacuation, including providing a detailed explanation as to how residents of multiple dwellings, especially residents of basement and first floor apartments, would be evacuated in the event of a flash flood, coastal storm or hurricane emergency warning;
- c. [identify] Identify and provide contact information for any local patrol precinct or firehouse;

d. [at] At the discretion of the commissioner, identify and provide contact information for any charitable organization or not-for-profit organization that the commissioner identifies as having the potential to provide services or materials that may be beneficial to such community after a flash flood, coastal storm or hurricane;

e. [provide] Provide any other information deemed relevant by the commissioner; and

f. [be] Be distributed within communities, including all multiple dwellings, at risk of evacuation due to flash floods, coastal storms or hurricanes in the [top ten most commonly spoken languages within each such community as determined by the commissioner in consultation with the department of city planning,] designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101, and be made available online.

§ 2. Title 30 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 30-114.1, to read as follows:

§ 30-114.1 Outreach and reporting on flash flood risk and emergency evacuation plans. a. Beginning no more than 60 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of environmental protection and the commissioner of housing preservation and development, shall conduct culturally appropriate outreach in the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101, including providing signage to landlords for use in multiple dwellings, to notify residents of flash flood risks and the emergency evacuation plans required by section 30-114.

b. Within 60 days of a flash flood emergency, the commissioner shall submit a report on the implementation of the flash flood emergency evacuation plans required by section 30-114 to the mayor, the speaker of the council and the public advocate, which the commissioner shall post on the department's website. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information, which shall not include any personally identifiable information:

1. The number of multiple dwellings, including specifically the number of basement and first floor apartments that were evacuated during the flash flood emergency;

2. The addresses and council districts of such evacuated multiple dwellings;

3. The number of individuals who were evacuated from such multiple dwellings;

4. The challenges in implementing such evacuation plans, including, but not limited to, the evacuation of seniors and persons with limited mobility, and any recommendations to address such challenges; and

5. Any additional information that the commissioner deems relevant.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of emergency management shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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