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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a child care certification program

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 1 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-119.6 to read as follows:

§ 3-119.6 Child care certification program. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Administering agency. The term “administering agency” means the agency that the mayor designates to administer the child care certification program established by this section.

Child care. The term “child care” means care for a child on a regular basis provided away from the child’s residence for less than 24 hours per day by a person other than the parent, step-parent, guardian or relative within the third degree of consanguinity of the parents or step-parents of such child.

Program. The term “program” means the child care certification program established by this section.

b. Certification. The mayor shall designate an agency to administer a child care certification program by which building owners that provide space in buildings for child care programs may apply to be recognized as a child care certified building by the administering agency. A certification issued pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of three years, and may be renewed upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth in this section. The administering agency shall provide to a building owner issued a certification pursuant to this

section a seal stating the building's status as a child care certified building, which may be placed on the interior of the front door of the building.

c. Requirements. The administering agency shall issue a certification pursuant to this section to any building owner that:

1. Applies for certification on a form prescribed by the administering agency;

2. Provides documentation that a child care program with a valid permit or license to operate is located in such owner's building; and

3. Complies with the requirements of this section and any other requirements as prescribed by the administering agency.

d. Program. The program shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

1. A process for building owners to apply for certification pursuant to this section;

2. Assistance to ensure that the space in buildings provided for child care programs meet the requirements for operation of such programs; and

3. Any other non-financial assistance that the administering agency deems appropriate.

e. Renewal. A certification issued pursuant to this section shall expire three years after the date of issuance. To renew a certification, a building owner shall submit an application for renewal on a form, and provide other relevant documentation, as prescribed by the administering agency.

f. Revocation. The administering agency may revoke a building owner's certification upon finding that such owner has failed to comply with the requirements of the program.

g. Website. The administering agency shall maintain, and update as necessary, a database on the administering agency's website of all buildings that are certified pursuant to this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the administering agency 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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