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By Council Members Cornegy and Gjonaj

A Local Law in relation to an extension of the deadlines for inspection and correction of building gas piping systems in certain community districts

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Periodic inspection of gas piping systems in certain community districts. a.

Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Certification form. The term “certification form” means the document required to be submitted to the department pursuant to clause (i) of item 4 of section 28-318.3.3 of the administrative code of the city of New York and paragraphs (3) or (4) of subdivision (d) of section 103-10 of title 1 of the rules of the city of New York regarding conditions identified, if any, in the inspection report.

Commissioner. The term “commissioner” means the commissioner of buildings.

Department. The term “department” means the department of buildings.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or rule, building gas piping systems in community districts 2, 5, 7, 13, and 18 in each borough required to be periodically inspected pursuant to article 318 of chapter 3 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York shall be inspected on or between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, provided that the due dates for submitting certification forms to the department in section 103-10 of title 1 of the rules of the city of New York shall not apply on or before June 30, 2022.

c. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or rule, for building gas piping systems in community districts 2, 5, 7, 13, and 18 in each borough required to be periodically

inspected pursuant to article 318 of chapter 3 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York that are inspected on or between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, if the certification form indicates that there are one or more conditions requiring correction, such building owners may submit the certification form to the department later than 120 days following the building's inspection date or later than 180 days following the building's inspection date as provided in item 4 of section 28-318.3.3 of the administrative code of the city of New York, but in no event shall the certification form be submitted later than June 30, 2022.

d. Nothing in this section shall affect the requirements to report and correct unsafe or hazardous conditions revealed by a gas piping system inspection as set forth in section 28-318.3.4 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

e. As soon as practicable, but no later than December 1, 2021, the department shall conduct targeted outreach and education regarding the provisions of this section, which shall at a minimum include notifying building owners in community districts 2, 5, 7, 13, and 18 in each borough and posting information on the department's website.

f. Notices and educational materials distributed pursuant to subdivision f of this section shall be prepared in plain language using words with common everyday meanings, and made available in all of the designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101 of the administrative code of the city of New York. Such notices and educational materials shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Information regarding the requirements of article 318 of chapter 3 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York, and to which buildings such article applies; and

2. Best practices related to hiring a plumber to perform a gas piping system inspection as set forth in article 318 of chapter 3 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately and subdivisions b and c of section one are retroactive to and deemed to have been in full force and effect as of January 1, 2021.

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