LOCAL LAWS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 2015

No. 39

Introduced by Council Members Cohen, Arroyo, Barron, Constantinides, Dickens, Eugene, Koo, Mendez, Rodriguez, Rosenthal, Crowley, Dromm, Kallos and Williams.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the installation and maintenance of electrical outlet safety devices and tamper-resistant receptacles in certain public parts of multifamily dwellings.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Article 11 of subchapter 2 of chapter 2 of title 27 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 27-2046.3 to read as follows:

§ 27-2046.3 Safety devices for certain electrical outlets required. a. The owner of a multiple dwelling shall install and maintain protective caps, covers or other safety devices over electrical outlets in the public parts of such multiple dwelling, except that (1) such devices shall not be required in public parts used exclusively for mechanical equipment or storage purposes, and (2) such devices shall not be required for electrical outlets that are listed tamper-resistant receptacles in accordance with the New York city electrical code.

- b. An owner who fails to install or maintain protective caps, covers or other safety devices in accordance with this section shall be liable for a class A violation.
- § 2. Section 27-3025 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding New York city amendments to article 406 of the 2008 National Electrical Code to read as follows:

ARTICLE 406

Receptacles, Cord Connectors, and Attachment Plugs (Caps)

SECTION 406.11

Section 406.11 – Revise to read as follows:

406.11 Tamper-Resistant Receptacles in Dwelling Units and Multifamily Dwellings. In all areas specified in 210.52, and in all public parts, as such term is defined in the New York City Housing Maintenance Code, of multifamily dwellings, all 125-volt, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles shall be listed tamper-resistant receptacles.

Exception: Public parts of multifamily dwellings that are used exclusively for mechanical equipment or storage purposes.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect 120 days after its enactment except that the commissioner of housing preservation and development and the commissioner of buildings may take such actions as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such effective date.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on April 16, 2015 and approved by the Mayor on May 6, 2015.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 39 of 2015, Council Int. No. 433-A of 2014) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council and approved by the Mayor.

JEFFREY D. FRIEDLANDER, Acting Corporation Counsel.