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By Council Members Rose and King

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to retroactively requiring secondary power for lighting for egress paths and elevators.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Article 315 of chapter 3 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 141 for the year 2013, is amended by adding new sections 28-315.10, 28-315.10.1 and 28-315.10.2 to read as follows:

**§28-315.10 Standby and emergency power.** The work specified in this section to enhance the safety of existing buildings in the event of power supply failure shall be completed by the dates specified herein.

**§28-315.10.1 Standby power for certain elevators.** Existing buildings shall comply with the provisions of item 3 of Section 403.4.7.2 of the New York city building code and item 3 of Section 403.4.7.3 of the New York city building code, as applicable to a building's occupancy group, on or before April 1, 2016.

**§28-315.10.2 Emergency power for lighting for egress paths and certain elevators.** Existing buildings shall comply with the provisions of item 1 of Section 403.4.8.1 of the New York city building code and items 1 and 2 of Section 403.4.8.2 of the New York city building code, as applicable to a building's occupancy group, on or before April 1, 2019.

§2. Section 403.4.7 of the New York city building code, as amended by local law number 141 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

**403.4.7 Standby power.** A standby power system complying with Section 2702 shall be provided for standby power loads specified in Section 403.4.7.2 and 403.4.7.3. Item 3 of section 403.4.7.2 and item 3 of Section 403.4.7.3 shall apply retroactively to all existing buildings in accordance with Section 28-315.8.1.

§3. Section 403.4.8 of the New York city building code, as amended by local law number 141 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

**403.4.8 Emergency power systems.** An emergency power system complying with Section 2702 shall be provided for emergency power loads specified in Sections 403.4.8.1 and 403.4.8.2. Fuel sources for

generators shall be in accordance with Section 2702.1.1. Item 1 of Section 403.4.8.1 and items 1 and 2 of Section 403.4.8.2 shall apply retroactively to all existing buildings in accordance with Section 28-315.8.2.

§4. Section 1006.3 of the New York city building code, as amended by local law number 141 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

**1006.3 Illumination emergency power.** The power supply for means of egress illumination shall normally be provided by the premise's electrical supply.

In the event of power supply failure, an emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate all of the following areas:

1. Aisles and unenclosed egress stairways in rooms and spaces that require two or more means of egress.
2. Corridors, exit enclosures and exit passageways.
3. Exterior egress components at other than their levels of exit discharge until exit discharge is accomplished for buildings required to have two or more exits.
4. Interior exit discharge elements, as permitted in Section 1027.1, in buildings required to have two or more exits.
5. Exterior landings as required by Section 1008.1.6 for exit discharge doorways in buildings required to have two or more exits.

This section shall apply retroactively to all existing buildings, in accordance with Section 28-315.10 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

§5. This local law takes effect 120 days after its enactment, except that the commissioner of buildings may take all actions necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such effective date..

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