

Proposed Int. No. 1307-A

By Council Members Williams and Kallos (by request of the Mayor)

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to department of buildings inspectors

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 645 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 59 for the year 1996, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There shall be a main office of the department and in each borough at least one branch office and a borough superintendent. Persons appointed as inspectors to perform functions of the department shall have such qualifications as shall be prescribed by the commissioner of citywide administrative services after consultation with the commissioner; provided however that, for inspections related to work on gas piping systems, electrical work and other work as the department may include through rule, such qualifications shall include:

(1) a minimum of five years acceptable experience working at a construction trade; or

(2) a license as a professional engineer or architect issued pursuant to the education law;

or

(3) a minimum of three years of acceptable experience working at a construction trade and a minimum of two years of formal training or education in an acceptable construction program, with an emphasis on construction, in a college, technical school or trade school; or

(4) a minimum of two years of acceptable experience working at a construction trade or a minimum of two years of formal training or education in an acceptable construction program, with an emphasis on construction, at a college, trade school or technical school and a minimum of three years participation in an apprentice inspection program approved by the commissioner and the commissioner of citywide administrative services.

Further provided however that, for all other inspections, such qualifications shall include:

(1) A minimum of two years of acceptable experience working in the construction industry; or

(2) 60 credits towards a degree in a field of study relevant to the discipline(s) inspected;

or

(3) A minimum of one year of acceptable experience working in the construction industry and a minimum of one year of formal training or education in a field of study relevant to the discipline(s) inspected; or

(4) A license or certification in a field of study relevant to the discipline(s) inspected; or

(5) Completion of an apprentice program in an acceptable trade; or

(6) Equivalent education and experience.

§2. This local law takes effect immediately.