

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2014**

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**No. 19**

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Introduced by Council Members Chin, Ferreras, Williams, Arroyo, Cabrera, Constantinides, Deutsch, Dickens, Eugene, Gibson, Koslowitz, Levine, Mendez, Rose, Torres, Cohen, Rosenthal, Johnson, Van Bramer, Cornegy, Lander, Dromm, King, Vallone, Gentile, Vacca, Kallos, Palma, Levin, Barron and Greenfield.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the maximum income level qualifying for exemption from rent increases granted to certain senior citizens.**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph 2 of subdivision m of section 26-405 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 44 for the year 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) the aggregate disposable income (as defined by regulation of the department of finance) of all members of the household residing in the housing accommodation whose head of household is sixty-two years of age or older does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand five, twenty-six thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand six, twenty-seven thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand seven, twenty-eight thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand eight, [and] twenty-nine thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand nine, *and fifty thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand fourteen*, per year, after deduction of federal, state and city income and social security taxes. For purposes of this subparagraph, "aggregate disposable income" shall not include gifts or inheritances, payments

made to individuals because of their status as victims of Nazi persecution, as defined in P.L. 103-286, or increases in benefits accorded pursuant to the social security act or a public or private pension paid to any member of the household which increase, in any given year, does not exceed the consumer price index (all items United States city average) for such year which take effect after the date of eligibility of a head of the household receiving benefits under this subdivision whether received by the head of the household or any other member of the household.

§ 2. Paragraph 5 of subdivision m of section 26-405 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 44 for the year 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(5) A rent exemption order shall be issued to each tenant who applies to the department of finance or such agency as the mayor shall designate (which agency may also be the department of finance) in accordance with such department's or agency's regulations and who is found to be eligible under this subdivision. Such order shall take effect on the first day of the first month after receipt of such application, except that where the aggregate disposable income of all members of the household residing in the housing accommodation whose head of the household is sixty-two years of age or older is greater than five thousand dollars per year but does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand five, twenty-six thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand six, twenty-seven thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand seven, twenty-eight thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand eight, [and] twenty-nine thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand nine, *and fifty thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand fourteen*, per year pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph two of subdivision m of this section on orders issued on applications received before July first, nineteen hundred seventy-five, the effective date of such order shall be the later of (1) June thirtieth, nineteen hundred seventy-four or (2) the last day of the month in which a person becomes an eligible head

of household in the housing accommodation in which such person resides at the time of filing the most recent application for a rent exemption order; and further, except that where any other application has been received within ninety days of the issuance of the order increasing the tenant's maximum rent pursuant to paragraph three, four or six of subdivision (a) of this section, or subparagraph (a), (b), (c), or (l) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (g) of this section or pursuant to court order, whichever is later, the rent exemption order shall without further order take effect as of the effective date of said order increasing the tenant's rent including any retroactive increments collectible pursuant to such orders.

§ 3. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph 2 of subdivision b of section 26-509 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 44 for the year 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) the aggregate disposable income (as defined by regulation of the department of finance) of all members of the household residing in the housing accommodation whose head of the household is sixty-two years of age or older does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand five, twenty-six thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand six, twenty-seven thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand seven, twenty-eight thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand eight, [and] twenty-nine thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand nine, *and fifty thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand fourteen*, per year, after deduction of federal, state and city income and social security taxes. For purposes of this subparagraph, "aggregate disposable income" shall not include gifts or inheritances, payments made to individuals because of their status as victims of Nazi persecution, as defined in P.L. 103-286, or increases in benefits accorded pursuant to the social security act or a public or private pension paid to any member of the household which

increase, in any given year, does not exceed the consumer price index (all items United States city average) for such year which take effect after the eligibility date of the head of the household receiving benefits under this section whether received by the head of the household or any other member of the household;

§ 4. Subdivision d of section 26-601 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law numbers 75 and 76 for the year 2005, is amended to read as follows:

d. "Eligible head of the household" means a person or his or her spouse who is sixty-two years of age or older or who qualifies as a person with a disability pursuant to section 26-617 of this chapter and is entitled to the possession or to the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit, provided, however, that with respect to a dwelling which was subject to a mortgage insured or initially insured by the federal government pursuant to section two hundred thirteen of the national housing act, as amended, "eligible head of the household" shall be limited to that person or his or her spouse who was entitled to possession or the use and occupancy of such dwelling unit at the time of termination of such mortgage, and whose income when combined with the income of all other members of the household whose head of household is sixty-two years of age or older does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand five, twenty-six thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand six, twenty-seven thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand seven, twenty-eight thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand eight, [and] twenty-nine thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand nine, *and fifty thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand fourteen*, for the taxable period, or whose income for the current income tax year when combined with the income of all members of the household residing in the housing accommodation whose head of the household is a person with a disability does not exceed the maximum income above which such head of the household would

not be eligible to receive cash supplemental security income benefits under federal law during such tax year.

§ 5. This local law shall take effect July 1, 2014 and shall expire and be deemed repealed two years after the effective date thereof; provided that the amendment to section 26-509 of the administrative code of the city of New York made by section three of this local law shall not affect the expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.

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 May 14, 2014 and approved by the Mayor on May 29, 2014.

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. 19 of 2014, Council Int. No. 243-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.

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