

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

No. 19

Introduced by Council Members Brewer, Ayala, Restler, Hudson, Krishnan, Cabán, Williams, Hanks, Banks, Ossé, Joseph, Brooks-Powers, Louis and Feliz.

A LOCAL LAW

In relation to studying the feasibility of building affordable housing on Wards Island

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Wards Island study. a. No later than July 1, 2027, the department of housing preservation and development, in consultation with the department of parks and recreation, the department of city planning, and any other agency or office the department of housing preservation and development deems relevant, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and publish on its website a study on the feasibility of building affordable housing on Wards Island.

b. Such study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A summary of existing active uses on Wards Island and the feasibility of their relocation or redevelopment;

2. An assessment of potential locations for housing or mixed use development on vacant sites or sites where existing uses could be relocated and the potential scale of development on such sites;

3. An assessment of needs for services, amenities, infrastructure, and access to transportation to support potential housing development on Wards Island;

4. Information on fiscal considerations associated with building affordable housing on Wards Island;

5. An assessment of existing restrictions on permissible land use on Wards Island, including those set forth in section 18-130 of the administrative code of the city of New York, and the potential for removing any such restrictions; and

6. Recommendations for legislation and policy relating to building affordable housing on Wards Island.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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 December 18, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on January 20, 2026.

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 2026, Council Int. No. 571-A of 2024) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

SPENCER FISHER, Acting Corporation Counsel.