Zoning Resolution

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For purposes of this Chapter, matter in italics is defined in Sections 12-10, 32-301 or within this Section.

Certification of no harassment

"Certification of no harassment" shall mean a certification by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development pursuant to Section 96-107 that there has not been #harassment# of the lawful occupants of a #multiple dwelling# during the #inquiry period#, as defined in Section 96-107.

Harassment

"Harassment" shall mean any conduct by or on behalf of an owner of a #multiple dwelling# that includes:

(a) the use or threatened use of force which causes or is intended to cause any person lawfully entitled to occupancy of a #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# in such #multiple dwelling# to vacate such unit or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy;

(b) the interruption or discontinuance of essential services which:

(1) interferes with or disturbs or is intended to interfere with or disturb the comfort, repose, peace or quiet of any person lawfully entitled to occupancy of a #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# in the use or occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; and

(2) causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# to vacate such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy;

(c) a failure to comply with the provisions of subdivision (c) of section 27-2140 of article seven of subchapter five of the Housing Maintenance Code which causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# to vacate such unit or to waive any rights in relation to such occupancy; or

(d) any other conduct which prevents or is intended to prevent any person from the lawful occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# or causes or is intended to cause such person lawfully entitled to occupancy of such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# to vacate such #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit# or to surrender or waive any rights in relation to such occupancy including, but not limited to, removing the possessions of any occupant from the #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; removing the door at the entrance to the #dwelling unit# or #rooming unit#; removing, plugging or otherwise rendering the lock on such entrance door inoperable; or changing the lock on such entrance door without supplying the occupant with a key.

For purposes of this definition, #dwelling unit#, #referral date# and #rooming unit# shall be defined as in Section 96-107.

Material alteration

“Material alteration” shall mean any alteration to a #multiple dwelling# including, but not limited to, an alteration which reduces or increases the #floor area# of the #multiple dwelling#, #converts# #floor area# from #residential# to non-#residential use#, changes the number or layout of #dwelling units# or #rooming units#, or adds or removes kitchens or bathrooms; provided, however, that #material alteration# shall not include:

(a) an #incidental alteration# which does not change the layout of #dwelling units# or #rooming units#; or

(b) a repair or replacement of existing elements of such #multiple dwelling# without materially modifying such elements.

For purposes of this definition, #dwelling unit# and #rooming unit# shall be defined as in Section 96-110.

Mixed building

For the purposes of this Chapter, a "mixed building" is a #building# in a #Commercial District# used partly for #residential use# and partly for #community facility# or #commercial# #use#, or a #building# in a #Residence District# used partly for #residential use# and partly for #community facility use#.

Multiple dwelling

“Multiple dwelling” shall have the meaning set forth in the Multiple Dwelling Law.