

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2017**

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**No. 219**

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Introduced by Council Members Williams, Kallos, Rosenthal and Menchaca (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 medical and natural gas piping systems, backflow prevention, electrical work and other work as the department may include through rule*, such qualifications shall include:

(1) a minimum of five years *of acceptable experience working [at a] in the construction [trade] industry*; [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] *in the construction [trade] industry* 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] *a field of study relevant to the discipline(s) inspected;* [or]

(4) a minimum of two years of acceptable experience working [at a] *in the construction [trade or] industry and completion of an apprentice program,* a minimum of [two] *three* 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.] *in length, in a trade relevant to the discipline(s) inspected;*

(5) *a minimum of two years of formal training or education in a field of study relevant to the discipline(s) inspected and completion of an apprentice program, a minimum of three years in length, in a trade relevant to the discipline(s) inspected; or*

(6) *equivalent education and experience.*

*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;*

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

(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;*

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

(5) *completion of an apprentice program, a minimum of two years in length, in a trade relevant to the discipline(s) inspected; or*

(6) *equivalent education and experience.*

§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 October 31, 2017 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on December 5, 2017.

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. 219 of 2017, Council Int. No. 1307-A of 2016) 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.

STEVEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.