

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 175

OFFICE OF HOUSING RECOVERY OPERATIONS

November 13, 2012

WHEREAS, the recent severe storm caused widespread damage to public and private residential housing in various parts of New York City, including apartment buildings, single and multiple family homes, and public housing complexes; and

WHEREAS, the storm also cause widespread damage to vital infrastructure needed for residential housing, including electricity, gas and heating systems; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop short-term and long-term housing solutions for New Yorkers whose homes have been seriously damaged and who have been displaced from their homes by the storm, and

WHEREAS, the City will lead the effort to develop those housing solutions; and

WHEREAS, this will require coordination among various City agencies and cooperation with the state and federal governments as well as private companies, not-for-profit corporations, and labor,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered:

§ 1. There is hereby established in the Office of the Mayor the Office of Housing Recovery Operations (“the Office”).

§ 2. The Office will be headed by a Director of Housing Recovery Operations. The

Director will report to the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development.

§ 3. The Office shall coordinate City operations related to housing issues for residents of New York City who were displaced by the recent severe storm and shall develop and implement a comprehensive plan to provide housing solutions for them. The Office's responsibilities shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a. Assess the need and demand for temporary and long-term housing solutions;
- b. Develop strategies and options for addressing short-term housing needs;
- c. Develop solutions to long-term housing issues, including infrastructure, repair, and, where necessary, provision of housing;
- d. Coordinate with relevant federal and state agencies and departments as needed.

§ 4. City agencies shall cooperate with the Office to ensure appropriate implementation of this Order.

§ 5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor