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Re: Written Comments regarding Chapter 16 Rules and Definitions

16-01 Definitions

The definition of both two-family and three family dwellings indicate that they are "owner-occupied". This certainly is not the case in Ridgewood, Queens, or for that matter, throughout the five boroughs. Many two and three family homes are just like the multiple dwellings in that their owners are absentees. Therefore, the following wording is suggested in order to avoid semantics being brought into play by persons attempting to avoid paying fines. It will also allow residents of two and three family dwellings an opportunity to control the amount of unsolicited flyers and circulars that litter their dwelling entrances.

Three family dwelling. "Three family dwelling" shall mean a multiple family dwelling that is either owner occupied or, in the case of an absent owner, has a designated representative and is designed for and occupied exclusively by no more than three families.

Two family dwelling. "Two family dwelling" shall mean a multiple family dwelling that is either owner occupied or, in the case of an absent owner, has a designated representative and is designed for and occupied exclusively by no more than two families.

16-02 Issuance of Notice of Violation: Submission of Property Owner Complaint Form for One, Two or Three Family Dwellings.

As previously stated, two and three family homes that have absent owners should be allowed to have the owner's representative request a complaint form, sign the complaint form and have their signatures notarized, in place of the absentee owner.

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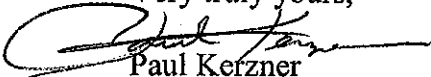
The suggested wording is:

The department may issue a notice of violation to any person it determines to be responsible for the unauthorized placement of an unsolicited advertisement at a one, two or three family dwelling based upon the submission of a property owner complaint affidavit form to the department by the owner of a one family dwelling and by the owner or designated representative of a two or three family dwelling. The property owner complaint affidavit form must be fully completed, signed by the property owner or to comment.

- b) designated representative and duly notarized before a notary public of the state of New York and submitted together with the unsolicited advertisement.
- c) The owner of a one family dwelling or the owner or designated representative of a two or three family dwelling may obtain a property owner complaint affidavit form through the Department of Sanitation website or by calling the city of New York 311 action center.
- d) The owner of a one family dwelling or the owner or designated representative of a two or three family dwelling should mail the signed and notarized complaint affidavit form etc;
- e) The owner of a one family dwelling or the owner or designated representative of a two or three family dwelling who has submitted a property owners complaint affidavit form resulting in the issuance of a notice of violation, may etc;

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,


Paul Kerzner
President

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