GCTF Proposal
Streamline Approvals for New Technologies & Products

Implemented
Local Law 5 of 2010

Summary

New products and technologies that address environmental concerns are rapidly being developed, and many building owners and developers are eager to implement them. However, there are often no rules governing the use of new products. There are also interagency regulatory issues, which can prohibit or delay projects that utilize new technologies.

This local law requires the Mayor’s Office to form an Interagency Green Team to assist innovative projects in overcoming interagency regulatory hurdles and an Innovation Review Board to evaluate technologies for pilot projects or recommend that rules be established for their use. Independent of the Task Force proposal, the New York City Department of Buildings has initiated a Building Sustainability Board made up of outside experts to provide technical guidance on approvals of new green technology.

New Requirements or Changes

Effective: July 16, 2010.

Amendments to Sections 20 of the New York City Charter

• Creates an “Interagency Green Team” within the Mayor’s Office of Long-term Planning & Sustainability to facilitate the use of innovative green techniques, materials, and construction techniques
• Standing members include representatives of the departments of Building, Environmental Protection, Transportation, Design & Construction, Health & Mental Hygiene, and the City Planning Commission. As necessary for specific discussions, members will be designated from other agencies.

Amendments to Title 28 of the Administrative Code

• Creates an “Innovation Review Board” within the Department of Buildings.
• Membership includes the same agencies as the Interagency Green Team, leaving off Transportation
• The Board must meet at least quarterly and consider innovative green projects, materials, and construction techniques, and streamline approvals.

Enforcement

Not applicable. Any enforcement would occur through City Council oversight hearings.
Implementation

Not applicable.