Land Use Attorneys Praise NYC's Modified Zoning Plan

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Vivien Krieger was quoted in a Law360 article regarding the recent approval of a modified version of Mayor Adams' City of Yes plan. The plan, which includes the New York City Council's affordable housing initiative, City of All, would introduce a multi-tiered system to determine when new housing must include parking and would ban the development of ground-level and basement-level accessory dwelling units in flood-prone, low-density areas.

"The recent vote is a huge step forward in addressing the housing crisis currently facing New York City," said Vivien. "These changes, if approved by the full council on December 5, will represent the largest comprehensive overhaul to the New York City zoning regulations since 1961 and will help in the realization of much-needed new residential units." Vivien added that the original plan was largely kept intact, and revisions focused on low-rise neighborhoods, accessory dwelling units, parking requirements, and transit-oriented developments.

"The council also restricted the applicability of the transit-oriented development proposal, which is intended to build more housing near transit stations," Vivien continued. "[Transit-oriented development] regulations would only apply within a quarter mile from [Long Island Rail Road] and Metro-North train stations, rather than the proposed half-mile, and will be removed entirely from single-family zoning districts."

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