State of New York

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## IMPLEMENTATION OF 80% SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS FOR INTERIOR DESIGN PRACTICES IN NEW YORK CITY

Purpose:

We are all familiar with environmental problems in the modern era. Therefore, serious actions are taken to fight the effects of it to ensure the continuation of future generations. The programs include recycling wastes, reducing the use of plastic, and more. However, most of the mitigation programs do not include regulations in the construction of buildings, especially the materials used for the purpose of interiors. Most of the materials used for interior design are manufactured, therefore requiring lots of chemicals and toxins in the production process overall making the water system more polluted as time goes by.

This regulation intends to have the people of New York use 80% sustainable materials for interiors, in this case using natural and untreated materials. The use of sustainable materials overall decreases the number of toxins and chemicals in the water, mitigating environmental problems in the near future.

Additional Authority:

NYC Department of City Planning

Scope:

New York City Inhabitants

Applicable to all New York City inhabitants because houses are a primary need and people take a certain amount of time and planning for the interior design of their homes. Therefore, everyone in New York will be affected by having to follow this regulation when designing and choosing the materials suitable for the furniture and decorations of their interior space.

Responsible Party:

NYC Department of Buildings, Manhattan Borough Office, 280 Broadway, New York, NY 10007.

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POLICY

1. Policy Statement

The use of 80% sustainable materials for interior spaces in New York City.

1. **Procedure**

To ensure that this policy would be followed and obeyed by the inhabitants of New York, there will be steps and officials involved.

* + 1. Interior Designers/ Homeowners would need to send reports of the furnishings and decorations of their homes, including the serial number, brand, color of each item to the NYC Department of Buildings.
    2. The NYC Department of Buildings will later evaluate the materials and confirm that the interior uses 80% sustainable materials out of the total materials for furnishings and decorations of their interior space.
* If the interior fails to fulfill the regulation to use 80% sustainable materials, an official from the NYC Department of Buildings will inspect the interior in person as a secondary action.

\*If there has been a mistake, the officials will disregard and confirm the use of 80% sustainable materials.

\* If it was correct, the NYC Department of Buildings will release a letter to have the designer/ homeowner change their materials, if not followed a penalty of $900 will be charged.