



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 54

March 5, 1993

BUSINESS EMERGENCY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the economic well-being of New York City is dependent, in part, upon the City's ability to respond to the needs of its businesses and industries in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, representatives of City agencies involved in the regulation of and delivery of municipal services to businesses must be able to communicate quickly and effectively with one another in times of emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Creation of Task Force. There is hereby established the Business Emergency Task Force (the "Task Force"). The Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development or his or her

designee shall serve as a member and as chairperson of the Task Force and shall coordinate and supervise its activities.

§ 2. Business Emergency. For the purposes of this Executive Order, the term "business emergency" means any occasion or instance for which, in the determination of the Mayor, circumstances require special assistance to protect commercial property and aid businesses or to lessen or avert damage to business interests in the City.

§ 3. Membership.

a. The following City officers shall also be members of the Task Force:

(1) the Commissioner of Business Services or his or her designee;

(2) the Commissioner of Buildings or his or her designee;

(3) the Police Commissioner or his or her designee;
and

(4) the Fire Commissioner or his or her designee.

Any person designated to sit on the Task Force pursuant to this subdivision shall be a senior official or staff member having experience in and familiarity with matters pertaining to emergency response.

b. In addition to the above-named officers, the Mayor shall invite each of the following entities to designate one representative who shall be a member of the Task Force:

- (1) the Metropolitan Transportation Authority;
- (2) the New York City Economic Development Corporation;
- (3) the New York City Chamber of Commerce;
- (4) the New York Telephone Company;
- (5) the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.;
- (6) the Brooklyn Union Gas Company; and
- (7) the New York Clearing House Association.

c. The Mayor may direct any City agency not specified in subdivision (a) of this section to designate a senior official or staff member to participate in the work of the Task Force for any period of time the Mayor considers appropriate. Each such agency shall notify the Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development of such designation.

d. The Mayor may request any other elected official, local development corporation, business improvement district or other business organization to designate an officer or senior staff member to participate in the work of the Task Force for any period of time the Mayor considers appropriate, and to

communicate such designation to the Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development.

§ 4. Functions of Task Force. The functions and duties of the Task Force shall include:

a. determining what steps should be taken to protect commercial property and aid businesses or to lessen or avert damage to business interests in the City in the event of a business emergency;


b. determining the availability to businesses in the City of emergency assistance funds;

c. notifying members of the business community of a business emergency or of the possibility thereof;

d. in the event that a business emergency is determined to exist, coordinating the assignment of appropriate City personnel to the affected area to assess business related issues and concerns; and

e. undertaking such other activities and measures as may be directed by the Mayor to ensure communication between the City and the business community during a business emergency.

§ 5. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately.



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