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CIVIL COURT, CITY OF NEW YORK

DIRECTIVES AND PROCEDURES

Subject:

Default Judgments entered after Hurricane Sandy

Class: DRP- 197-B

Category: LT-20

Eff. Date: December 5, 2012

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BACKGROUND

Hurricane Sandy was one of the most historic and devastating storms to ever hit the Northeast region. The unprecedented damage, disruption, and impact of the hurricane disaster upon the City continues, including thousands of persons, many with special medical needs, who require shelter. Power outages, disruption of fuel, transportation, and telecommunication services also continue. In sum, the City is still responding to a major disaster and widespread emergency conditions. In light of this, we are instituting the following directive.

PROCEDURE

Until further notice, the clerk shall not enter a default judgment for failure to answer for premises in the zip codes and areas that have sustained severe damage due to Hurricane Sandy without:

- an affidavit or affirmation submitted by the petitioner, or the petitioner's attorney, indicating that all essential services have remained operational in the building allowing tenants to inhabit same,
- or**
- If to best of the petitioner, or petitioner's attorney's knowledge, essential services have been restored after having been interrupted in the building as a result of Hurricane Sandy, an affidavit must be submitted by the petitioner or petitioner's attorney stating same and, furthermore, that all essential services for the building have been restored and the respondent(s) is/are not hospitalized or has/have not passed away.

The following is a list of zip codes and areas that have sustained severe damage due to Hurricane Sandy:

Kings County

11231 Red Hook

11236 Canarsie

11234 Bergen Beach, Mill Island

11224 Sea Gate, Coney Island

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11229 Homecrest, Gerritsen Beach

11235 Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach

Queens County

11414 Howard Beach

11691 Far Rockaway

11692 Arverne

11693 Rockaway Beach, Broad Channel

11694 Rockaway Park, Belle Harbor

11695 Fort Tilden

11697 Rockaway Point, Breezy Point

Bronx

10464 City Island

New York County

10280 North Battery Park City

10281 World Financial Center

10282 South Battery Park City

10002 Lower East Side, China Town

10004 Bowling Green

10006 Trinity

10005 Wall Street

10009 East Village, Stuyvesant Town

10038 Lower Manhattan, South Street Seaport, Financial District

Richmond County

All of Staten Island, but particularly the coastal areas including: 10301, 10302, 10303, 10304, 10305, 10306, 10307, 10308, 10309, 10310, 10312, 10314

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Date

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