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## **NEW YORK CITY LOFT TENANTS - NYCLT** an advocacy coalition of loft tenants

**NEW YORK CITY LOFT TENANTS - NYCLT** is the newly formed coalition of tenants covered by the new **Loft Law of 2010**.

**If you live in a loft in a commercial building and think you might be eligible for Loft Law coverage read the FAQs here:**

<http://nyclofttenants.org/faq/>

NYCLT is organized *by loft tenants for loft tenants* to educate newcomers, advocate for tenants' rights and improve the new Loft Law (also referred to as 281.5).

NYCLT is reaching out to all tenants in commercial buildings to join the NYCLT and get involved protecting residential and live/work spaces.

NYCLT is advocating for:

- an amendment to the "Incompatible Use" rules that threatens to disqualify certain mixed-use buildings
- an amendment to the Loft Law's 6-8-6 increases to ensure rents do not become unaffordable
- the Loft Board to re-write the interim rent guidelines to ensure rents do not become unaffordable
- the Loft Board to write a rule that ensures that a landlord submitting a "no work" application is prohibited from applying 6-8-6 rent increases

**All loft tenants eligible for Loft Law coverage can become members of NYCLT by joining the NYCLT google group. To join send an email to:**

[nyclt@googlegroups.com](mailto:nyclt@googlegroups.com)

NYCLT has created a google group so that all members can communicate with each other and everyone and can stay abreast of important **NYCLT** events, meetings, hearings, lobbying trips and developments in the writing of the law. <http://groups.google.com/group/NYCLT/topics>

NYCLT has built a web site with clear information about the Loft Law and *ongoing* Loft Board process for writing the regulations that are the details of the law. <http://nyclofttenants.org/>

NYCLT will host an event for loft tenants to meet the Loft Board on Wednesday, December 7. Location TBA.

NYCLT members have testified at Loft Board and City Council hearings on "Incompatible Use" and Loft Board procedures. NYCLT members will continue to advocate for improvements to the Loft Law at both the City and State level and to monitor Loft Board meetings.

NYCLT will run a voter registration drive to encourage loft tenants to register and vote in the New York City and State primaries and general elections.

**NYCLT** is reaching out to tenant groups across the city to collaborate and advocate for affordable housing and tenants' rights. Among those we are pleased to be working in co-operation with **Lower Manhattan Loft Tenants (LMLT)**, a citywide advocacy organization serving nearly 10,000 loft tenants covered by the 1982 Loft Law.

**NYCLT** members look forward to meeting our local representatives in New York City and our elected officials in Albany to work on passing amendments to strengthen the existing Loft Law.

To visit the **NYCLT** web site and learn about the new **Loft Law of 2010**:

<http://nyclofttenants.org/>

To register your loft for loft law coverage, download the application:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/loft/downloads/pdf/loftboardapplication.pdf>

For assistance with the application process:

<http://nyclofttenants.org/how-to-apply/>