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RE: Revocable Consents for Battery Swapping and Charging Cabinets

To Whom It May Concern,

The Settlement Housing Fund strongly supports the proposed rule to authorize commercial property owners to have the ability to install electric micromobility device battery swapping and charging cabinets in front of their properties. Founded in 1969, Settlement Housing Fund is an affordable housing developer in New York City that has developed over 8,700 units of housing that are home to more than 25,000 low- and moderate-income families, including formerly homeless New Yorkers.

Like all housing operators, the Settlement Housing Fund is keenly aware of the importance of expanding the mobility options for our residents – particularly for connecting to public transportation – and we support the use of efficient, reliable, and clean energy options in transportation. We are also, however, cognizant of the potential danger posed by lithium-ion batteries when stored and charged within housing, particularly multi-family housing.

The Settlement Housing Fund sees battery swapping and charging cabinets as an effective tool for ensuring that our residents have access to micromobility devices in a cost-effective manner while reducing, if not eliminating, the risk of potentially catastrophic fires. Therefore, we strongly urge the New York City Department of Transportation to adopt the proposed rule.

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